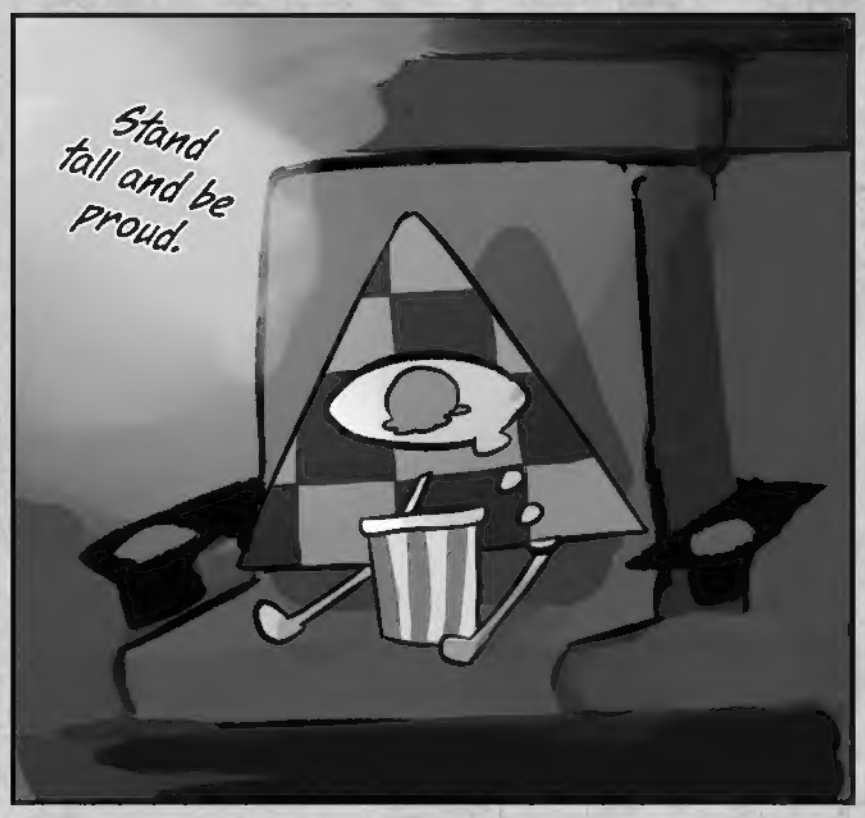
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I'm so happy to be able to do what I love with a title I adore. I will treasure this forever! I hope readers who love *Demon Slayer* as much as I do will enjoy this book. Thank you to Gotouge Sensei and congratulations on completing the series!

P.S. The movie was deeply moving!

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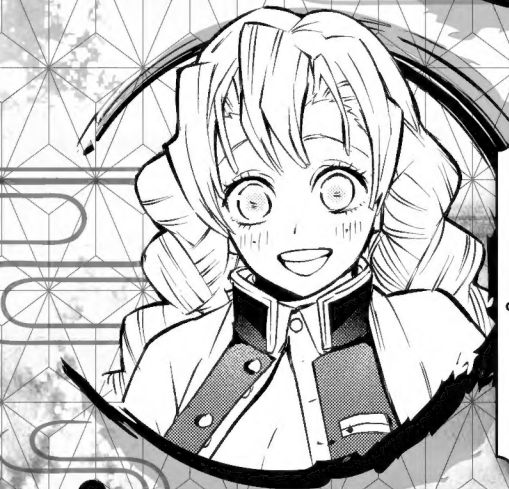
KYOJURO RENGOKU

He was born into a family that has held the Flame Hashira title for generations. Through a tough spirit and constant training, he has mastered Flame Breathing.



GYU TOMIOKA

Water Hashira in the Demon Slayer Corps. He's always calm and taciturn, which often causes misunderstandings. When he met Tanjiro, Tomioka invited him to join the Demon Slayer Corps.



MITSURI KANROJI

She joined the Demon Slayer Corps to find a man to marry. She possesses outstanding physical strength. Later, she will become the Love Hashira in the Demon Slayer Corps.



SHINOBU KOCHO

Insect Hashira in the Demon Slayer Corps. She is familiar with pharmacology, and has created a poison that kills demons. She is pursuing the demon who killed her elder sister.

HASHIRA

As the top-ranking sword wielders, the Hashira provide key support for the Demon Slayer Corps. When a Hashira position is vacant, a new Hashira is chosen from among the Kinoe-ranked corps members. In order to be promoted to Hashira, one must either defeat 50 demons or one of the Twelve Kizuki demons.

DEMON

Staple food: humans. They have incredible physical abilities, and their wounds heal quickly. Some can change form and use superhuman skills. They only die when exposed to sunlight or decapitated with a special sword.

DEMON SLAYER CORPS

This organization has existed since ancient times and is devoted to hunting demons. There are a few hundred members, but the government has not officially recognized it.



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GIYU TOMIOKA'S STORY, PART 1

YOU WANT ME TO SPARE YOU?

SURELY YOU KNOW...

...THAT BEGGING FOR YOUR LIFE IS MEANING-LESS...

...TO ME...

...AND TO YOU.

THUD

I...

I PROMISE! I WON'T DO IT ANYMORE ...

I WON'T ...

SHRIK

...EAT PEOPLE ANY—

GRR

SLASH

FWAP

FWAP

KAWWW!

FWIP

KAWWWWW!!

MESSAGE!!
MESSAGE!!

GO TO THE SNOWY MOUNTAINS IN THE NORTH!

DEMON SLAYER SWORDS-MAN!

...SEVERAL HUNTERS THERE!

DEMONS HAVE EATEN...

KAAAW! AKKIMES-SATSU!

KAAAW! AKKIMES-SATSU!

*SWORD: AKKIMESSATSU, DESTROYER OF DEMONS

A MAN-EATING BEAR?

A NORTHERN POST TOWN

*SIGN: PHARMACIST

AHH... THAT'S WHY EVERYONE HERE IS SO TENSE.

YES, SO YOU SHOULDN'T STAY HERE.

IT EVEN ATTACKED OUR *MATAGI* HUNTERS.

IN THESE PARTS, WE CALL THEM *ANAMO-TAZU*.

BE-SIDES ...

...AND I RARELY TRUST OTHERS TO BUY MY SUPPLIES FOR ME.

WELL, I'VE GOT TIME ON MY HANDS ...

*PACKET: KOZENEN-BRAND MEDICINE

...THE LIVER OF A MAN-EATING BEAR...

...IS INTRIGUING TO SOMEONE IN MY LINE OF WORK.

...

YOU WENT INTO THE MOUNTAINS ALONE AGAIN?!

SO IF YOU GET ANY, LET ME KNOW!

LET US ADULTS AVENGE MATAZO!

TARO'S JUST A *DOG!*

NOT ALONE! TARO WAS WITH ME!

THE BEAR KILLED HER FATHER AND THE OTHER MATAGI RIGHT IN FRONT OF HER.

SHE'S MATAZO'S DAUGHTER.

WHO'S THAT?

DO YOU MEAN YAE?

HUH?

IT PAINS ME TO SEE IT.

OTHER THAN HER SUPPLY RUNS INTO TOWN, SHE'S BEEN STAYING IN THE MOUN-TAINS ...

...HOPING TO AVENGE HER FATHER.

HM?

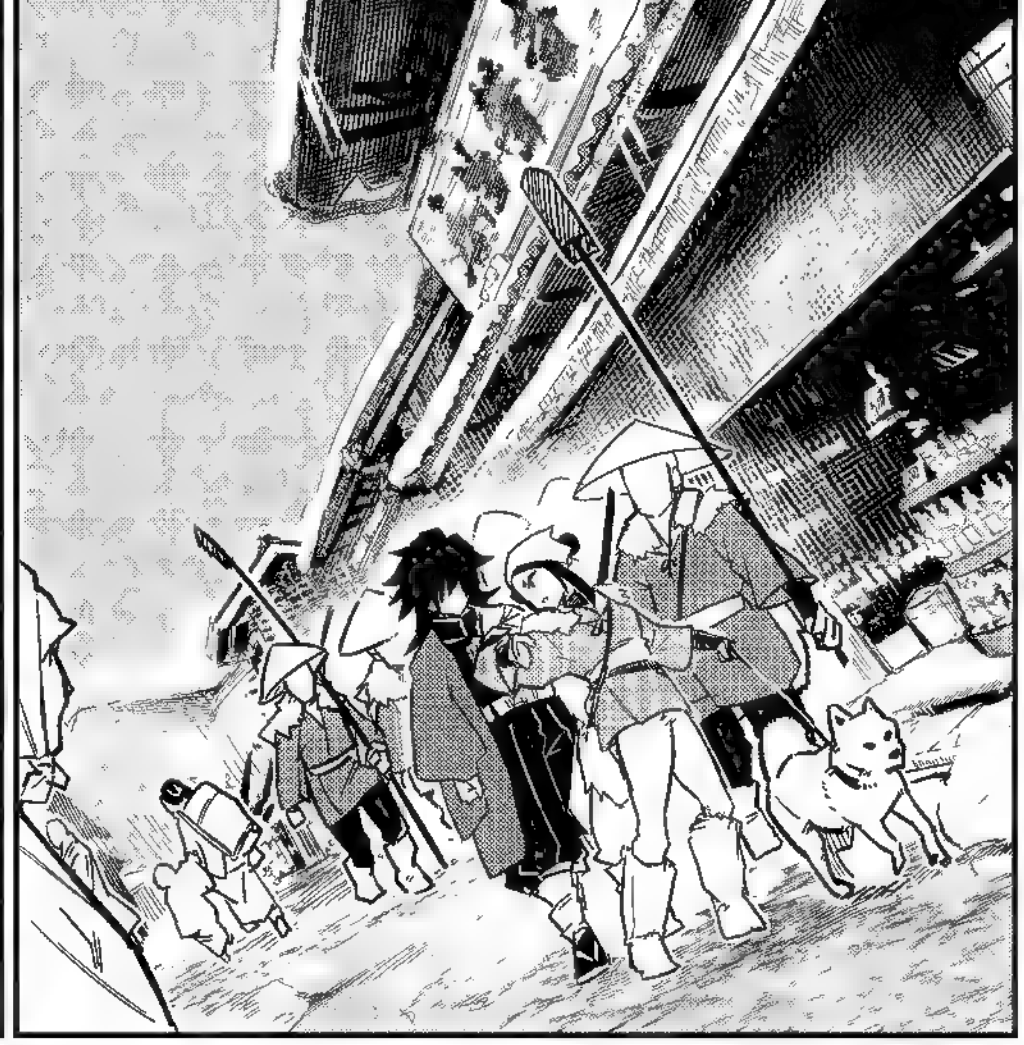
HEY...

GRAB

HANDS OFF MY GUN!!

PICK UP







YOU MUST BE YAE.

WHO IS THIS?

PLEASE, TELL ME ABOUT THE DEMON THAT ATTACKED YOUR FATHER.

I AM GIYU TOMIOKA FROM THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS.

GAH

AAGH !!

?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

NO. IT WAS A BEAR.

DEMON?

UM...

...ARE YOU THE POLICE?

IS THAT... A GOVERN-MENTAL THING?

NO, IT'S AN INDEPENDENT GROUP.

...

I'M IN THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS.

NO?

NO, I'M NOT.

SKMP

UM, WHAT ARE YOU—

...

THEN ...

...WHAT'S THAT AT YOUR WAIST?

OH NO!

I JUST REMEM-BERED!

I AM GIYU TOMIOKA OF THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS.

MAYBE WE SHOULD GET THE POLICE!

UH-OH... THERE'S NO TALK-ING TO THIS GUY!

CHAPTER

REMEMBER THE MURDER OF THAT FAMILY?! THE CHARCOAL SELLERS OVER THE MOUNTAIN ?!

A CREEPY GUY IN A TWO-TONE JACKET WAS SPOTTED NEARBY!

GYAAAH!

AND THIS GUY LOOKS CREEPY!

GYAAH

DON'T MOVE!

NO, UH—

SOME-ONE GET A ROPE! A ROPE!

TOMI...

TOMIOKA.

POKE POKE

...O...

...KA.

KOCHO?

AS USUAL, YOU'RE BAD AT COMMU-NICATING.

POKE POKE POKE

WHAT A COINCI-DENCE THIS IS.

SHALL I EXPLAIN TO THEM?

SHINOBU KOCHO
INSECT HASHIRA
DEMON SLAYER
CORPS

NO. I'VE GOT THIS.

WELL, IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT!

GIYU TOMIOKA
WATER HASHIRA
DEMON SLAYER CORPS

HEY...

I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE...

...BUT IF WE'RE DONE HERE—

YOU NEED TO IMPROVE YOUR COMMU-NICATION SKILLS.

THAT'S WHY EVERY-ONE—

EVERY-ONE WHAT?

UH, NEVER MIND.

TSK TSK

SHE HAS A FEVER. SHE NEEDS REST.

YAE!

STOP MESSING AROUND AND LEND A HAND!

!!

SHUMP

SNAP

I'LL HELP YOU.

I CAN'T TURN BACK NOW.

YOU DON'T MIND?

...TO EXTERMINATE DEMONS.

AFTER ALL, IT'S OUR JOB ...

I TOLD HER IT ISN'T A GAME.

BESIDES, WHOEVER HEARD OF A GIRL MATAGI?

YAE SAID SHE WANTS TO LEARN...

...HOW TO SHOOT?

...

RESPECT HER DESIRE TO SPEND TIME WITH YOU.

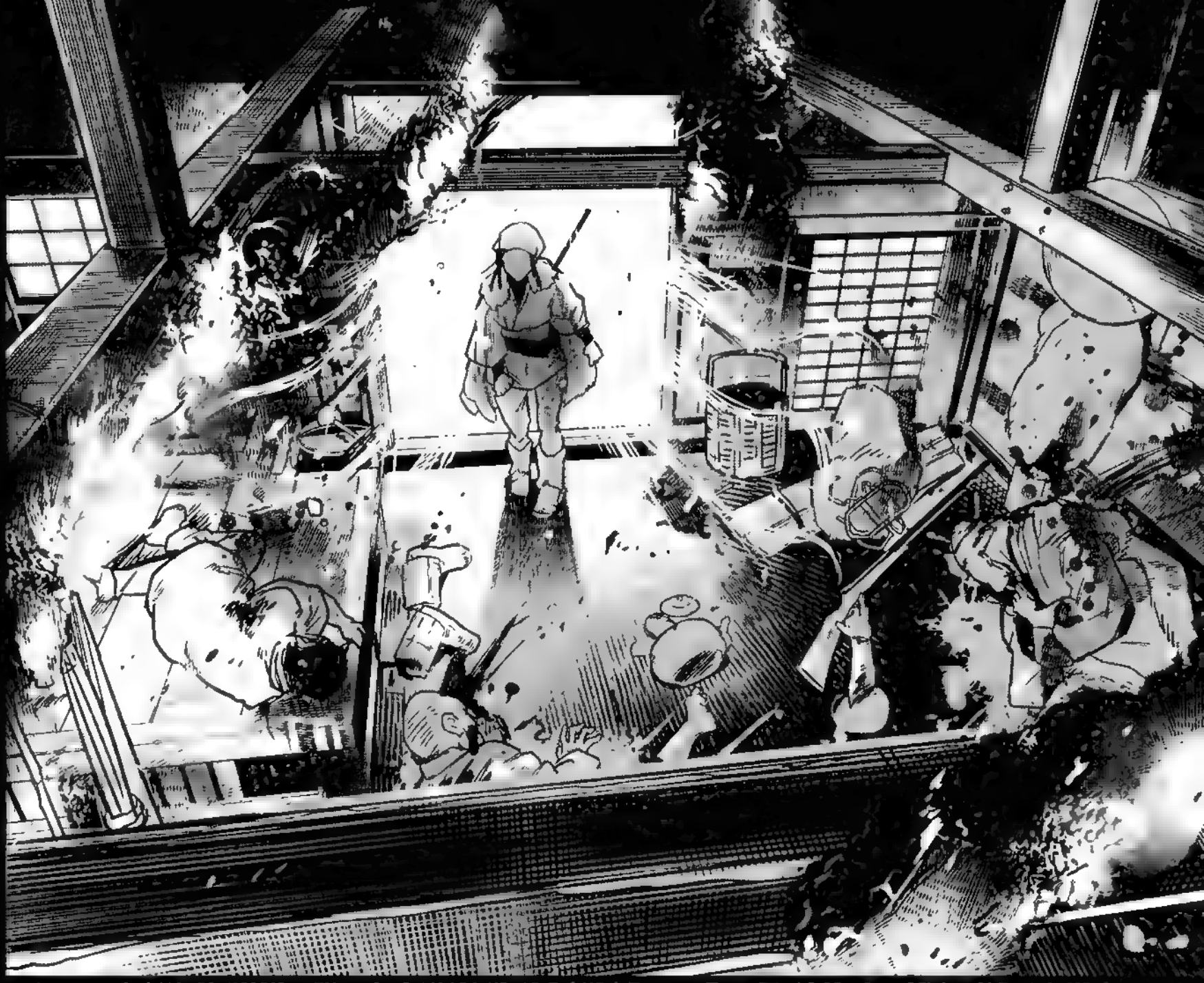
RATTLE

THERE AREN'T ANY GIRLS HER AGE HERE.

...ALWAYS STAYING HOME ALONE.

MATA, SHE MUST BE LONELY...

ANY FOOLING AROUND AND I'LL TAKE IT AWAY.




W-WHAT HAP-PENED?!
YOSHI-MURA! KANJI!
NO!




F-FATHER?


KRUNK

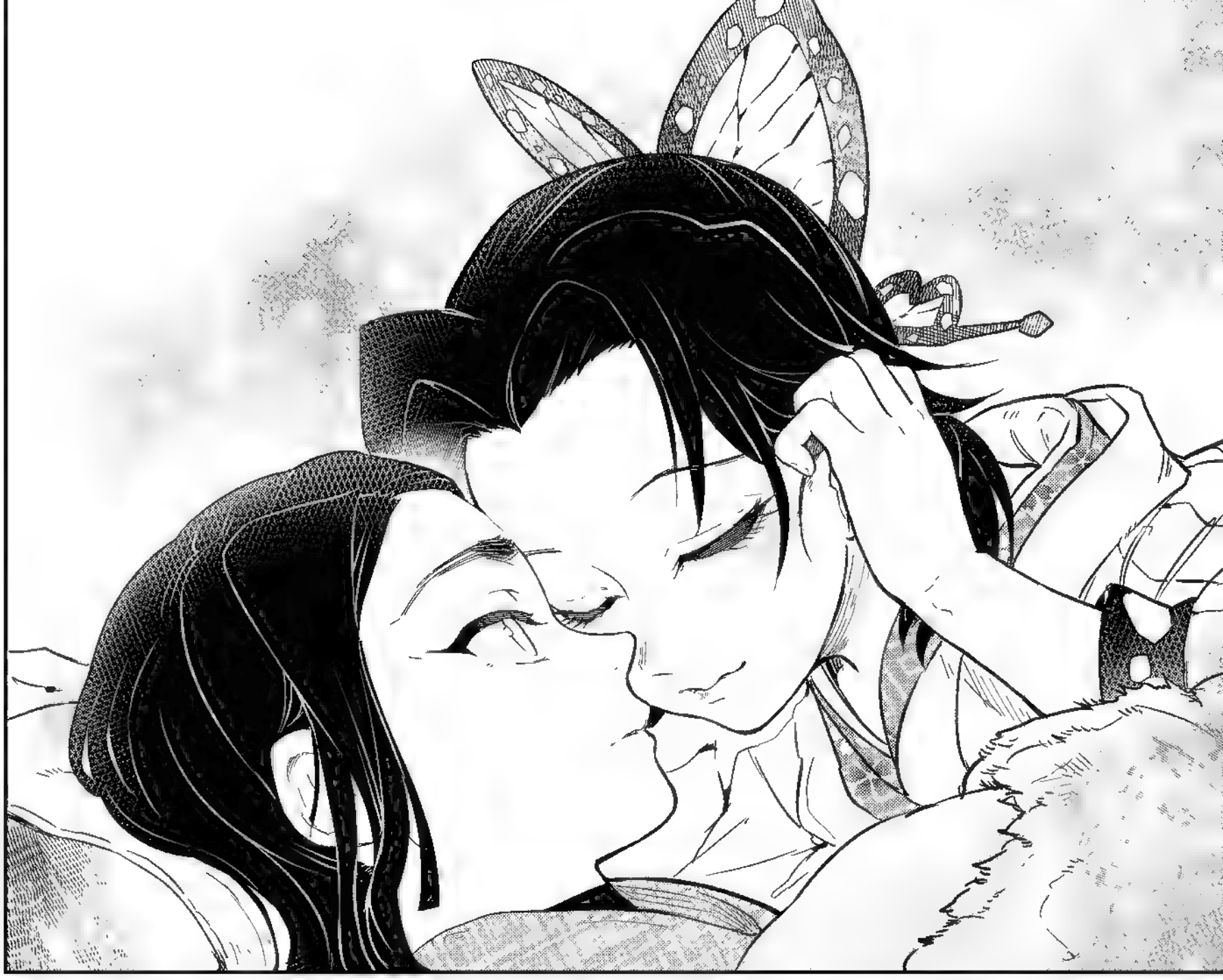


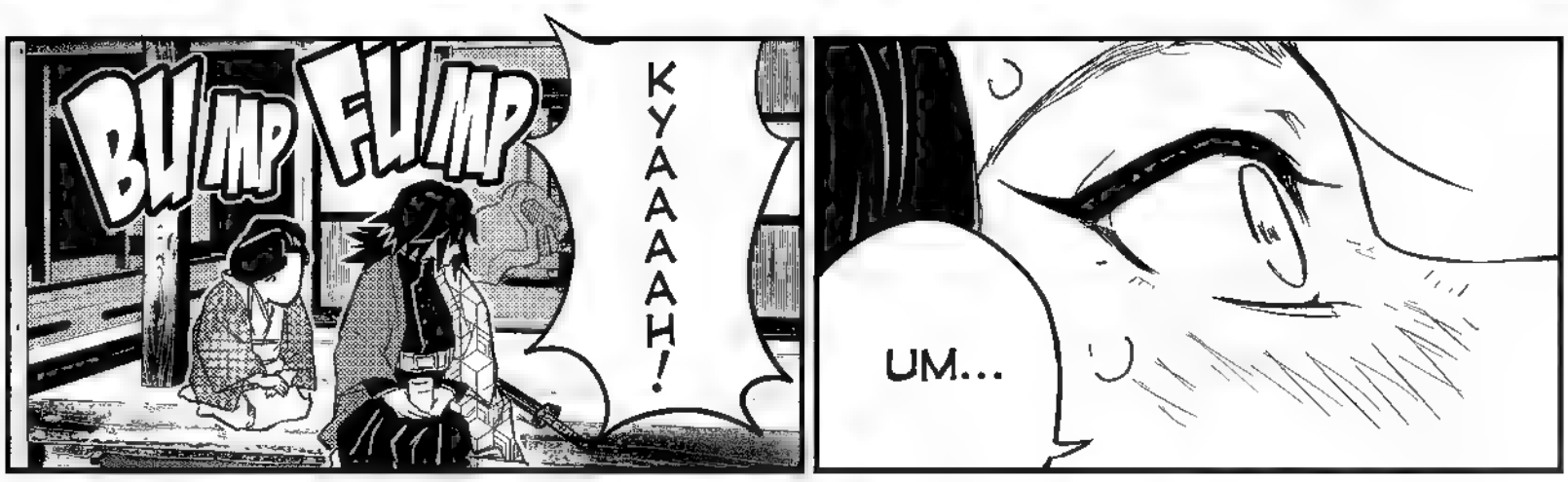
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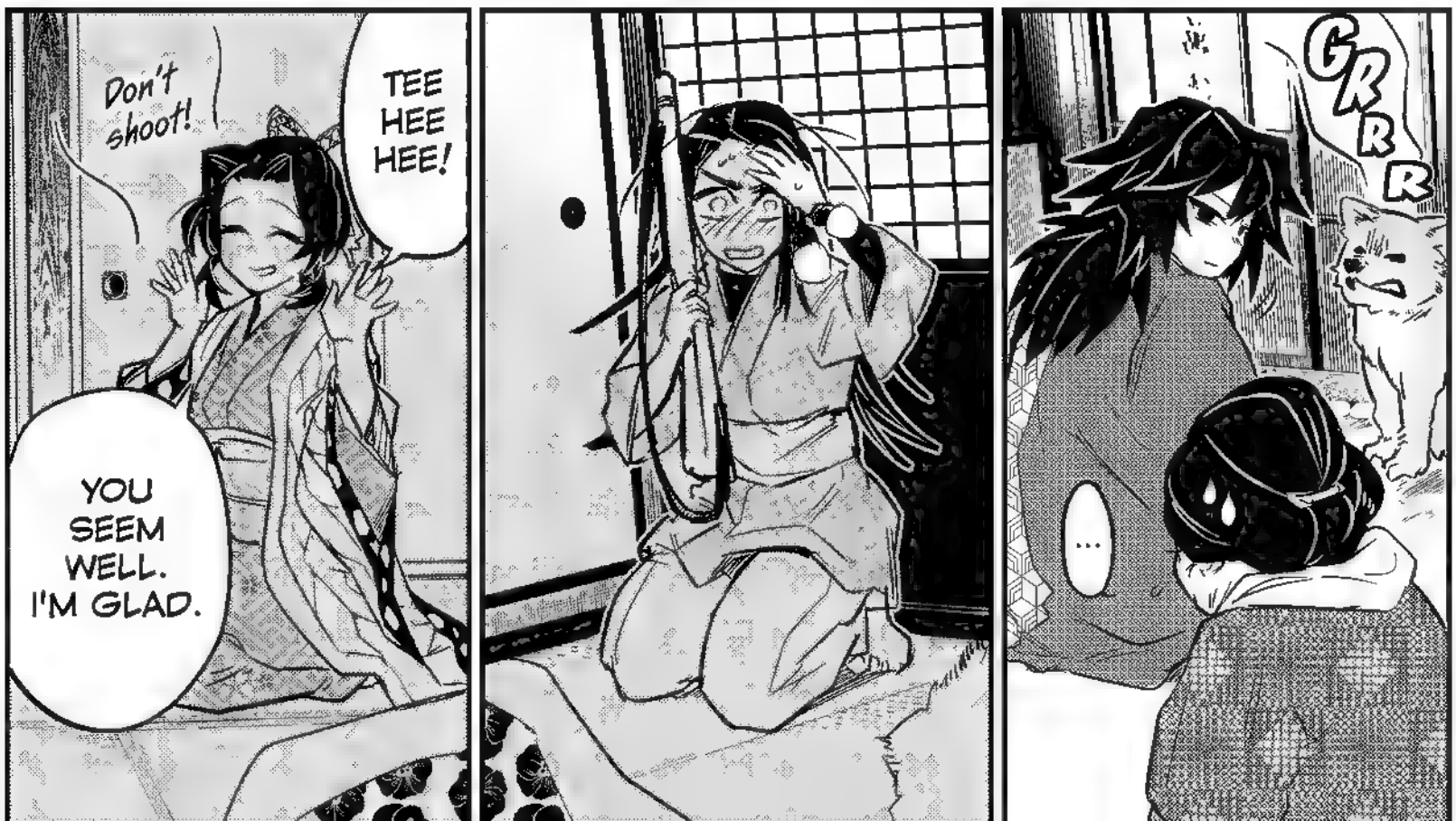









BU MP
FU MP
KYAAAAH!
UM...


Don't shoot!
TEE HEE HEE!
YOU SEEM WELL. I'M GLAD.
GRRR
...

WHERE AM I?

THE PHARMACIST'S. YOU SLEPT HALF A DAY.

YOU MUST HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED.

AFTER ALL, THE MATAGI SPEND DAYS IN THE WILD CHASING PREY.

BUT YOU CAN'T AVENGE YOUR FATHER IN POOR HEALTH.

DRINK THIS. IT'LL REVIVE YOU.

...

BUT... WHAT'S IN IT?

NO BUTS. JUST DRINK.

UH, OKAY...

PUFF

PUFF

CHOMP

GRRRRR !!

GRR

SHA SHA SHA

SCUFFLE

NO! STOP THAT, TARO!

SORRY. HE'S OVERLY FRIENDLY!

DON'T MIND HIM. TOMIOKA'S LIKE THAT.

I'M DEEPLY SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR FATHER...

...AND I'D LIKE TO ASK A FEW QUESTIONS.

ASK *ME?*

WHAT ATTACKED YOU...

...MAY HAVE BEEN A DEMON.

KOCHO ...

THIS IS *MY* MISSION. SO *I'LL* EXPLAIN.

GNAW

GNAW

AND HOW WILL YOU DO THAT?

UM... UM...

DON'T YOU REALIZE YOU'RE UNDER *ATTACK?*

I AM NOT. WE'RE MERELY PLAYING.

NO, LEAVE THE TALKING TO ME, TOMIOKA.

WILT

...THEN IT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR.

IF WHAT ATTACKED YOU WAS A BEAR...

I SEE...

YEAH... SATIS-FIED?

DEMONS ARE MONSTERS THAT EAT PEOPLE.

THEY'RE INTELLIGENT. THEY HIDE THEIR TRUE FORM.

NOW I HAVE QUESTIONS FOR YOU.

AND WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE?

WHAT'S A DEMON?

THEIR ONLY WEAKNESSES ARE SUNLIGHT AND SPECIAL KATANA CALLED NICHIRIN SWORDS.

THEY HAVE ASTOUNDING VITALITY. DISMEMBERED, EVEN DISEM-BOWELED, THEY QUICKLY REGENERATE.

AND EVEN WITH A NICHIRIN SWORD, ONLY DECAPITATION WILL KILL THEM.

WE LEARN HOW TO KILL DEMONS...

...AND SECRETLY HUNT THEM DOWN.

THAT'S THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS.

WELL, WE AREN'T MURDERERS.

WE ONLY KILL BAD DEMONS.

DO YOU...

... KILL ALL DEMONS ?

IF A DEMON EVER CHOSE TO DIE OF STARVATION ...

...INSTEAD OF EATING PEOPLE...

...I WOULD CARE FOR IT TO THE VERY END.

APPARENTLY, THIS IS A DIFFERENT SITUATION. ..

...BUT IF YOU WANT, WE'LL HELP YOU HUNT THAT BEAR.

NO, I'M A MATAGI.

I SHOOT MY ENEMIES *MYSELF*.

DOESN'T THIS GUY EVER TALK?!

SORRY FOR TROU-BLING YOU.

HEY! YOU NEED MORE REST!

BUT THERE AREN'T ANY DEMONS HERE!

CAN'T A MATAGI GO SHOOT A BEAR?!

YOU SHOULDN'T GO OUT AT NIGHT.

ARE YOU *HIDING* SOMETHING?

WHY DO YOU HAVE TO GO *ALONE*?

STOP PESTER-ING ME!

NOW GET OUT OF MY WAY!

...

I HAVE NEVER SEEN...

...A DEMON RETURN TO BEING HUMAN.

...

AN ANAMOTAZU, HUH?

IT MEANS A BEAR THAT COULDN'T FIND A DEN FOR HIBER-NATION.

ANAMO-TAZU?

THEY'RE PITIFUL CREATURES WITHOUT A HOME OR FAMILY...

...WHO SPEND THE WINTER WANDERING THE MOUN-TAINS.

TUNK




...WE CANNOT SAVE HER.
AT THIS RATE ...

BLOOD

GOT IT? FOLLOW THIS SCENT.

WOOF

IT'S COLD, BUT DO YOUR BEST.

WE AREN'T FINDING ANY-THING...

NO PART OF A BEAR GOES TO WASTE.

THE MEAT, FUR, GALLBLADDER, FAT... A BEAR IS THE BOUNTY OF THE MOUNTAINS.

GO ON. TOUCH IT.

IT'S *WARM!*

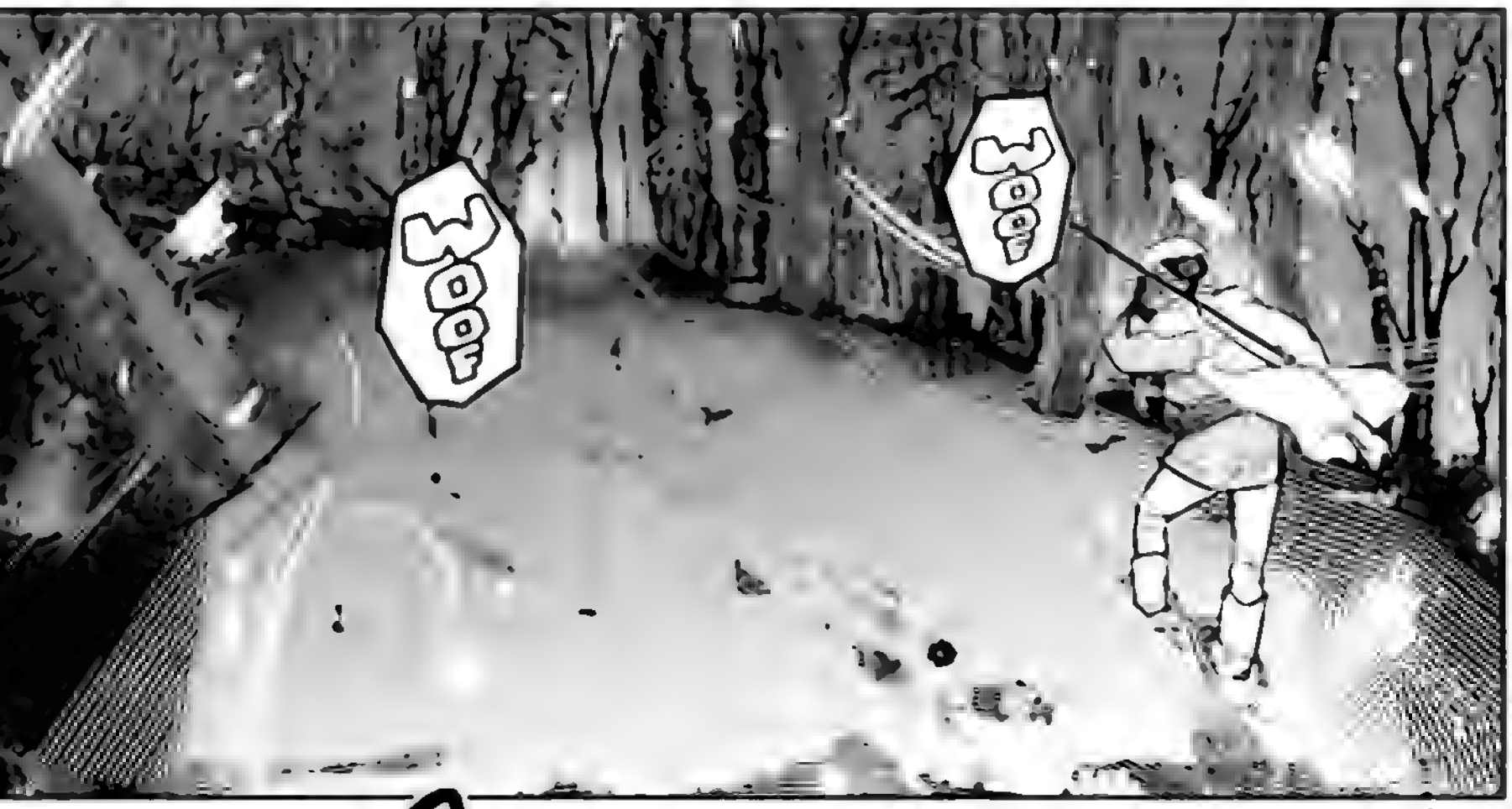
YES, AND YOU HAVE THE SAME THINGS INSIDE YOU.

WE MATAGI DERIVE OUR LIVES FROM THE MOUNTAIN.

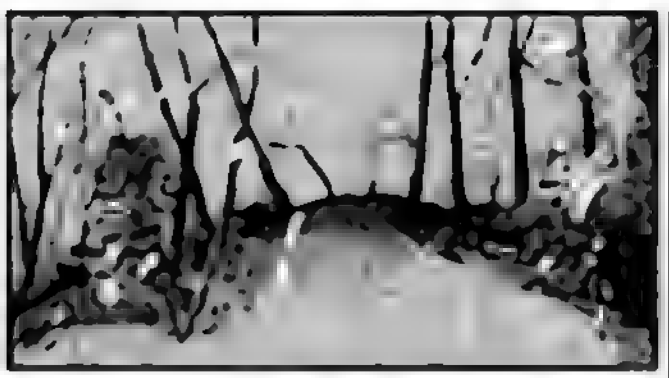
WE KILLED IT...

...SO NOW WE MUST LIVE ON.


TOOT


TOOT
TOOT


PFFT




FWISH


TOOT TOOT
F-
FATHER
?

BLOOD

CLMP

CLMP




I HAVE NEVER SEEN...
...A DEMON RETURN TO BEING HUMAN.
AH...

HE REALLY DID TURN INTO A DEMON!

F- FATHER ...

...IN YOUR NOSE AND OUT YOUR MOUTH.

THEN TAKE TWO DEEP BREATHS ...

ONCE YOU SPOT YOUR PREY, CALMLY RAISE YOUR RIFLE.

AIM FOR YOUR TARGET'S VITAL SPOT...

...AND THEN SQUEEZE ...

...THE TRIGGER.

I'M SORRY, TARO...

...BUT YOUR DEATH HAS STEELED MY RESOLVE.

...SO I LIED ABOUT IT BEING A BEAR.

I WANTED TO FIND HIM AND ASK WHY HE DID THAT...

I COULDN'T BELIEVE MY EYES.

BLAM

WHY ...

...

...NGH...

WHY DID YOU BECOME A DEMON?

WHY DID YOU FEED ON OTHERS?

WHY...

WHY ?!

WHY DID YOU RUN OUT OF THE HOUSE?

WHY...

...DIDN'T HE...

...THEN AS A MATAGI, I MUST KILL YOU.

IF YOU ARE GOING TO REMAIN A WILD BEAST...

F-FATHER ...

IF I WAS GOING TO SUFFER THIS MUCH...

WHY...

THAT WAS ALL I COULD THINK.

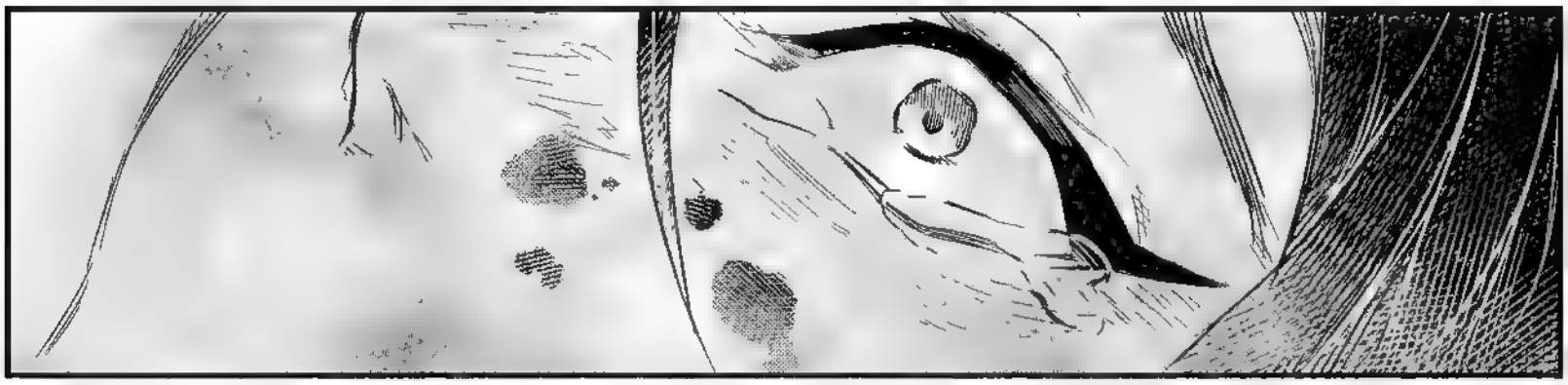
...YOU EAT ME TOO?

WHY DIDN'T...

YA...

...E...

...E...





GYAAAGH!

HU

HP



WHAT A COINCI-DENCE!

OH...

...DEAR!

BWOOOOO

The *Matagi are* an organization of hunters. Traditionally, the hunters were all men, since women were forbidden from entering the mountains for hunting. (People believed that the deity of the mountains was female, so the presence of other women would inspire jealousy and invite misfortune.) Yae's mother died young, so out of concern for Yae, Matazo and his Matagi peers taught her how to shoot and hunt. However, they wouldn't take her hunting with them, so she often snuck off to hunt with Taro—and got in trouble for it.

Immediately after becoming a demon, Matazo ran away from Yae because he had regained a slight awareness of his human past after eating his comrades. When he throttled her in the forest, he was able to whisper her name because he was temporarily satiated from feasting on Taro, which allowed a single word to spill from what remained of his memories. If Tomioka and Kocho hadn't come, he would have eaten Yae just like he did Taro.





GIYU TOMIOKA'S STORY, PART 2

DID YOU PRAY FOR IT?

YES.

THEN NOW YOU MAY DRESS IT, *WITHOUT* MY HELP.

YEAH, I KNOW.

"WE KILLED IT, SO NOW WE MUST LIVE ON," RIGHT?

AM I ALL GROWN UP NOW?

HEH HEH! WE'LL HAVE DEER HOT POT TONIGHT!

BWOOOO




KOCHO
...
TAKE CARE OF HER.

PERHAPS I SHOULD HELP.

MY POISON WILL SWIFTLY DISPATCH HIM TO THE NETHER-WORLD.

CAN YOU HANDLE THIS, TOMIOKA?

WAIT...

*SWORD: AKKIMESSATSU, DESTROYER OF DEMONS

WAIT!

W...

SHING

SURELY YOU UNDER-STAND.

HE IS NO LONGER HUMAN. HE'S A MONSTER.

YES?

A *DEMON.*

VW

PREPARE YOUR-SELF, YAE.

WHS

HN
P

THAT THING IS NO LONGER YOUR FATHER.

H

KR

GRRRR !!

KR-K

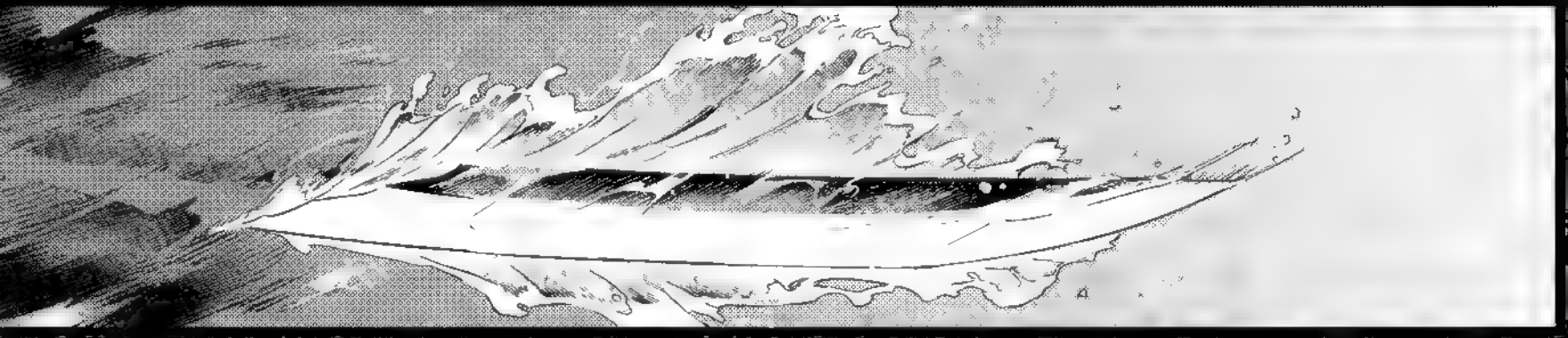
FEE
FAE
S
N
FW
WHAM BAM
WHAM
AK
FLIP


WATER BREATHING
HUFFFF


FUU







FOURTH FORM



STRIKING TIDE






...IVE...
ON...








IT'S OVER.


KRUMBL




FUMF


IT'S FINALLY OVER.
YES.






NOW I CAN...
...BE AT PEACE.

KOCHO !!

IT'S NO USE.

I'LL NEVER REACH HER IN TIME.

TWK

PRESS

PRESS

THUD

WHY DID IT JAM...?

I CLEAN IT LIKE I'M SUP-POSED TO...

JUST LET ME DIE...

HEH HEH...

WHY NOW ...?

WHY ...

YAE...

SOBBB

SOB

YOU WOULDN'T UNDER-STAND!

LEAVE ME ALONE! FORGET ABOUT ME.

M-MY FATHER BECAME A MAN-EATING DEMON!

I LOST TARO! I LOST EVERY-ONE! MY HOUSE! EVERY-THING!

I THINK ...

...HIS DYING WORDS WERE FOR YOU.

HE SAID, "LIVE ON."

WHAT DO I CARE?

OR MAYBE IT WAS DEMON NON-SENSE.

...

WHAT ...?

TOMIOKA
...

DO NOT FORGET, KOCHO.

WE ARE *HASHIRA*.

...

PLEASE, YAE...

YOU MUST BE STRONG...

...THE WAY *WE* ONCE WERE.

FWAAH

OH, I SEE...

MY FATHER'S BLOOD DRIED ON THE METAL...

BECAUSE WE KILLED HIM.

HEH HEH ...

SOB

"...HIS DYING WORDS WERE FOR YOU."

"I THINK..."






IT'S FINALLY OVER.

AND FOR THAT...

...YOU MUST ALWAYS ...

...IMAGINE THE SURFACE OF WATER.

TO MASTER IT, YOU NEED TO REMAIN CALM ENOUGH TO MAINTAIN YOUR BREATHING.

WATER BREATHING IS A PASSIVE TECHNIQUE COMPATIBLE WITH ALL MANNER OF ATTACKS.

BE STILL AND PEACEFUL...

...LIKE THE REFLECTIVE SURFACE OF WATER.

ABOVE ALL, BE STRONG IN THE SWORD...

...IF YOU WOULD BE A HASHIRA.

YOU'VE CHANGED, TOMIOKA.

...YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN SORT OF COLD.

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO PUT IT, BUT...

HOW SO?

MAH?

MAH?

COLD?

SLURP

DID SOMETHING CAUSE YOUR CHANGE OF HEART?

...EVEN THOUGH YOU LECTURED ME.

I THINK YOU SAID THAT TO BE CONSIDERATE TO HER...

THAT BOY...

DID I MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION?

"NEZUKO WOULD NEVER EAT ANYONE!"

"NOT NEZUKO!"

DEMONS SLAUGHTERED HIS FAMILY...

...AND HIS SURVIVING SISTER BECAME A DEMON.

WHATEVER HAPPENS, MY CORE DOES NOT WAVER.

TUNK


WE ARE THE PILLARS THAT SUPPORT THE DEMON SLAYERS.
WE HASHIRA ARE STRONGER THAN EVERYONE ELSE.

THAT IS WHY WE MUST NEVER FORGET...

...AND WHOM WE PROTECT.

...FOR WHOM WE SWING OUR SWORDS...

WE CAN ONLY BE HASHIRA...

...BECAUSE WE HAVE SOMEONE TO BE STRONG FOR.

HEH HEH... THAT'S LAYING IT ON A BIT THICK...

...AND IT SOUNDS LIKE A HARD WAY TO LIVE.

THE HASHIRA DO NOT BREAK.

AND GIYU WILL NOT WAVER.

THIS IS A TALE OF THE HASHIRA BEFORE THE COGS OF FATE...

HERE'S YOUR SALMON 'N' RADISH!

!

...BEGAN TO TURN FOR THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS.

PW

UFF

OOH! THIS LOOKS DELICIOUS!

DON'T YOU LOVE THIS DISH, TOMIOKA?

BEAM

MMM

OJAHHWK

...

COULD YOU, UM, NOT LOOK AT ME WHILE YOU EAT? THANKS...

TOMIOKA... I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU SMILE BEFORE...

WHAT'S WRONG?

DEMON SLAYER:
GIYU TOMIOKA'S STORY (THE END)

I included a scene in which Giyu tells Shinobu "We are Hashira," but in the original manga, he denies being a Hashira, so many people may have wondered which it is. In his own way, Giyu was telling Shinobu, who had just become a Hashira, "We are in the position of Hashira, which requires us to be strong (so let's do our best to live up to the title)." Sorry for the confusion!




DEMON SLAYER
KIMETSU NO YAIBA
stories of WATER and FLAME
KYOJURO RENGOKU'S STORY, PART 1

WHAT DID I TELL YOU ABOUT HIM?

OH... NOW I REMEMBER.

HIS EYES AND FACE ARE CREEPY!

I CANNOT FORGIVE HIM, SO I SEEK REVENGE.

HE LOOKS LIKE A ROOSTER!

DAAAAAMN!

DAMN!!

DAMN! DAAAAMN!!

ARGH! EVEN NOW, HE HAUNTS ME...

I CANNOT GET AWAY... DAMN, DAMN, DAMN!

TRMBL

TRMBL

BIA

?!

STAGGER

CHOMP

RRIP

GYAH!

GYAAAH!

RRIP

ULP...

GR

AR

*EYE: LOWER 2

NOW...

WHAT DID I TELL YOU...

AHH...

THAT HELPED. SO MUCH BLOOD RUSHED TO MY HEAD...

...THAT I ALMOST DIED OF RAGE.

...ABOUT THAT HATEFUL MAN?

WHAM

YOU'VE GOTTEN SOFT WHILE AWAY FROM YOUR LESSONS!

WHIS

WHAT'S WRONG?!

WHAC

YOU CAN'T BE A CORPS MEMBER WITH STRIKES LIKE THAT! TRY HARDER...

...KANROJI!

KYOJURO RENGOKU
KINOE
DEMON SLAYER CORPS

B-BUT I'M HUNGRY! MY STOMACH'S TOTALLY EMPTY!

YIKES!

I REQUEST A BREAK FOR SWEETS!

MITSURI KANROJI
MIZUNOTO
DEMON SLAYER
CORPS

DON'T ANSWER ME WITH A STOMACH GROWL!

GRRROWL

YIKES!

JUST A THOUSAND TIMES MORE! C'MON!

BUT YOU JUST HAD LUNCH!

HEY, WE AREN'T DONE YET!

THANK YOU, SEN-JURO!

WHOA!

I MADE YOU SOME SWEETS, SO HOW ABOUT A REST?

GOOD JOB, YOU TWO!

BYOING

YAAAAAY!

IT'S TIME FOR A BREAK!

SOME ARE *SATSUMAIMO* FLAVOR!

!

DO YOU WANT SOME, BROTHER?

I MADE A LOT, SO EAT ALL YOU WANT.

MM! DELICIOUS! I COULD EAT THESE FOREVER!

YIPPEE!

CHOMP CHOMP

SENJURO'S AMAZING! HE CAN MAKE ANYTHING!

CHOMP

IN THE WEST, THEY CALL IT "SWEET POTATO."

MITSURI SHOWED ME HOW TO MAKE IT.

THIS ONE SMELLS GOOD!

SENJURO! BRING THAT ONE THING!

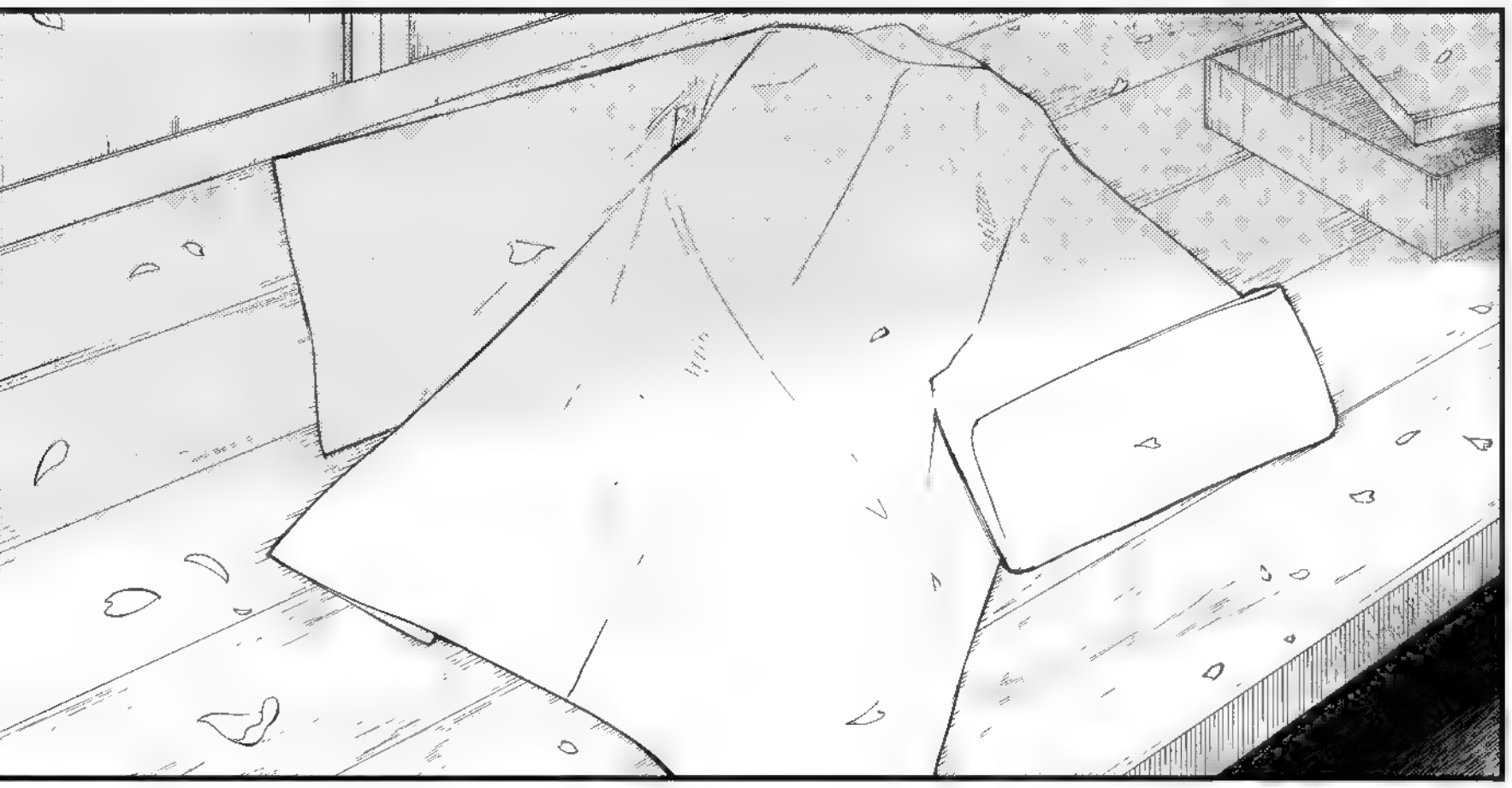
OKAY!

DELI-CIOUS!

?

DELICIOUS!

MASTER LIKES IT! HE SAID "DELICIOUS"!



A JACKET?

IT'S A LITTLE LATE, BUT...

...IT'S A PRESENT FOR JOINING THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS!

FROM NOW ON, WE'LL FIGHT TOGETHER...

...NOT AS MASTER AND PUPIL, BUT AS COMRADES!

CONGRATULA-TIONS, KANROJI!

YOU PASSED FINAL SELECTION IN JUST SIX MONTHS!

I MEAN, UM... RENGOKU!

THANK YOU, MASTER!

AGH!

OH, RIGHT... HOLD ON A SEC!

GOOD!

I'LL TRY MY HARDEST!

KYEEE

IT FITS PERFECTLY, RENGOKU!

TEE HEE HEE...

HUH ?!

WHY'RE YOU DRESSED LIKE THAT?!

It's perfect!

THAT KAKUSHI GUY SAID IT WAS TOTALLY OFFICIAL!

HE DID?!

KYAAAA!

IT'S A BIT SKIMPY!

UM, IS THAT NORMAL FOR A DEMON SLAYER UNIFORM?

B-BUT...!

I FIND THAT HARD TO BELIEVE!

IS THAT REALLY ALL RIGHT?!

Y-YEAH, RIGHT!

There must be some explanation!

WELL THEN, IT'S FINE!

KAW!

MESSAGE! MESSAGE!

THANKS FOR COMING TO TRAIN TODAY!

BUT WAS THERE SOME OTHER REASON YOU CAME?

WELL, UM, ABOUT THAT...

THE HASHIRA MEETING?

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!

UM... BIG BRO?

THE HASHIRA MEETING SUMMONS YOU!!

FLAME HASHIRA!

KAW!

I AIN'T GOIN'.

*JUG: SAKE

...

BUT, FATHER...

WHAT DO I CARE?

BUT IF *YOU* WANNA GO, THEN GO.

SH

AW, SHUDDUP!

A TTER

IT'S ALL POINTLESS!! AND WORTHLESS!!

YOU'LL NEVER MASTER FLAME BREATHING OR BE A HASHIRA!

STOP BUGGING ME!!

YOU'LL NEVER AMOUNT TO ANYTHING EITHER!

LISTEN, KYOJURO.

ONLY THE FLAME HASHIRA MAY WEAR THAT JACKET.

AND YOU WILL BE A GREAT FLAME HASHIRA LIKE YOUR FATHER.

HAVE YOU ALL BEEN WELL?

IT HAS BEEN SIX MONTHS, MY DEAR DEMON SLAYERS.

AND WE ARE GLAD FOR *YOUR* HEALTH, MASTER.

YES, SIR!

AS YOU WISH.

BUT, MASTER ...

THUS, I HAVE GREATER NEED OF YOUR SERVICES ...

...AND I ASK YOU TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER ON MISSIONS.

OUR NUMBERS DWINDLE...

...EVEN AS KIBUTSUJI'S STRENGTH GROWS.

WHERE IS THE FLAME HASHIRA, SHINJURO RENGOKU?

WHY IS THERE A NON-HASHIRA HERE?

CAN YOU FILL IN FOR A HASHIRA?

FATHER—

HEY!

THR UM THR UM

THE HASHIRA ...

...HAVE AN OVER-WHELMING PRESENCE!

HASHIRA MEANS "PILLAR." THEY'RE THE SUPPORTS THAT HOLD UP THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS!

AND I RESPECT THAT!

THEY'VE FOUGHT STRONG DEMONS, SO THEY'RE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!

HW UP

I INVITED HIM HERE TO OFFER AN EXPLA-NATION.

SANEMI, DO NOT BULLY KYOJURO.

WHAT IS HIS CONDITION?

WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT SHINJURO.

THAT'S KAGAYA UBUYASHIKI, THE LEADER OF THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS.

HIS VOICE HAS A MYSTERIOUS QUALITY. IT'S LIKE A GENTLE SPRING BREEZE.

HE'S STARTED BRINGING SAKE WITH HIM ON HIS MISSIONS.

AT NIGHT, BEFORE HIS MISSIONS, HE DRINKS ALONE IN HIS ROOM.

...I FEEL LIKE HE HAS LOST HEART.

...EVER SINCE MY MOTHER PASSED AWAY...

...

I DON'T FULLY UNDER-STAND, BUT...

HE SHOULD BE WORKING TO PULL EVERYONE TOGETHER.

SHINJURO IS A VETERAN HASHIRA.

AHH... HOW SAD.

WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH HASHIRA...

...BUT MASTER CAN'T SEND HIM ON MISSIONS DRUNK.

I RECOMMEND HE RETIRE WITH STYLE.

IT SETS A BAD EXAMPLE AND HAS A DULLING EFFECT ON MORALE.

IF I BECOME FLAME HASHIRA...

...HE'S SURE TO REGAIN HIS MOTIVATION!

DON'T WORRY !!

...

KYO-JURO REN-GOKU!

HEY...

HA HA HA!

OH, REALLY?

BUT IT ISN'T THAT EASY...

...TO BE A HASHIRA, YOU KNOW!

YOU'RE SURE COCKY!

LET ME DO THIS, HIMEJIMA.

SHINA-ZUGAWA ...

FORGIVE ME, MASTER.

OKAY, THEN SHOW US WHAT YOU GOT!

ACTUALLY, I KNOW THE CRITERIA FOR BECOMING A HASHIRA!

SHUP

HYAAA

HURRY UP AND MAKE HASHIRA!

GET OUT THERE AND FIND A DEMON!

SHINA-ZUGAWA!

GET MOVING, YOU FOOL!

WHEN YOU GONNA COME FILL ONE?!

WE'VE GOT EMPTY SEATS!

FU MP

!

FIGHT BACK!

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?!

FIGHTING AMONGST CORPS MEMBERS IS FORBIDDEN!

I WILL NOT HIT YOU!

AND HITTING PEOPLE IS BAD ANYWAY!

Y...

YOU'VE GOT A TEMPER, BUT I LIKE YOUR SPIRIT!

BESIDES, I DON'T EVEN *WANT* TO HIT YOU!

PAT

THANKS FOR THE ENCOUR-AGEMENT!

HE HELD HIS OWN AGAINST SHINAZUGAWA...

...AND HE'S GOT FLASHY HAIR! NOT BAD AT ALL!

*THEY ARE **REALLY** AT ODDS...*

YOU'RE *THANKING* ME FOR ROUGHING YOU UP?!

SANEMI.

UBUYASHIKI TAMED HIM WITH A SINGLE WORD!

KYOJURO...

INDEED.

BOW

I LOST MY TEMPER.

FORGIVE ME.

I WOULD LIKE YOU TO GO DEFEAT IT.

AND WE HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT A DEMON NEAR THE IMPERIAL CAPITAL THAT MAY BE ONE OF THE TWELVE KIZUKI.

BOW

...WITH THE CRITERIA FOR PROMOTION TO HASHIRA.

YOU ARE WELL ACQUAINTED ...

THEY ARE DEMONS DIRECTLY UNDER MUZAN KIBUTSUJI'S COMMAND, AND THEY CAN EVEN SLAY HASHIRA.

BUT HE WANTS ME TO GO?

THE TWELVE KIZUKI?

!!

HH

UP

...IT IS IN SHINJURO'S FORMER TERRITORY.

I NEED YOU TO DEFEND THE TERRITORY USUALLY COVERED BY THE MISSING HASHIRA.

BESIDES ...

IF IT'S ONE OF THE TWELVE KIZUKI, SHOULDN'T WE HASHIRA GO?

MAY I SPEAK, MASTER?

...THROUGH ACTION AND NOT MERE WORDS.

YOU INSIST YOU ARE WORTHY...

...SO EARN OUR ESTEEM...

GO DEMONSTRATE YOUR SKILL...

...KYOJURO.

YES, SIR!

GIMME A BREAK!

UNBELIEV-ABLE!

SMIRK SMIRK

MORE THAN INSTINCT...

...I FEEL *CERTAINTY.*

MASTER, DO YOU SEE A FUTURE IN WHICH HE DEFEATS ONE OF THE TWELVE KIZUKI?

OR IS IT...JUST YOUR INSTINCT?

YEAH, I'M FINE!

ARE Y-YOU ALL RIGHT?

KYOJURO RENGOKU...

...WILL SOON ALTER THE DESTINY OF THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS.

TOKYO— THE CAPITAL

...AND PRIORITIZE EVACUATING CIVILIANS!

IF YOU DISCOVER A DEMON, SEND FOR HELP VIA A KASUGAI CROW...

AS PLANNED, WE'LL OPERATE IN PAIRS!

HE'S SO COOL WHEN HE GIVES ORDERS!

AND WE HAVE MATCHING JACKETS!

WE MUST PROTECT THE PEACE OF THE CAPITAL!

YES, SIR!

YES, SIR!

IS SOME-THING WRONG, KANROJI?

R-RIGHT!

Y-YEAH, UH...

THIS'LL BE GREAT! IT'S OUR FIRST TIME ON A MISSION TOGETHER!

BUMP

BWAAH

?!

ARE Y-YOU ALL RIGHT?

??

SOB

SOB

HANDS OFF MY CHILD!!

SMACK

HEY!



HWIP

I'M TAKING YOU TO THE POLICE!

IT RUNS IN MY FAMILY!

YOUR HAIR IS WEIRD, MISTER.

PARDON ME!

YOUR SON WAS CRYING BECAUSE HE FELL DOWN!

HUH? OH DEAR... IS THAT SO?

MAYBE MY ANCESTORS ATE TOO MUCH DEEP-FRIED SHRIMP!

AH HA HA! YOU'RE FUNNY!

"ONLY A BOAR OR A STEER...

...WOULD MARRY YOU!"

"YOUR HAIR'S A FUNNY COLOR. IT GIVES ONE SHIVERS."

UH, THANKS ...

NO PROBLEM!

PA T

SO DON'T SWEAT IT!

LOOKS AREN'T EVERY-THING!!

TIK TIK TIK

BOOM

FW ASH

AN EXPLOSION?!

WHAT WAS THAT?

GYAAAAAH!

WAAAAAH!

WH

SH

REN-GOKU! I'LL GO HELP!

WAIT!

BO

OM

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DH

DUM

?!

KSHAK

AHHH-HHHH...

!

HE DISAP-PEARED!

KSHAK

I MUST STAY CALM...

HOW LONG HAVE I WAITED FOR THIS DAY?

THE DAY WHEN I GET MY REVENGE!

UNKNOWING FIRE

FLAME BREATHING FIRST FORM

IT WAS ALL FOR THIS DAY.

YES...

TO BE


THE DAY I GET PAYBACK...
...AGAINST *YOU*, RENGOKU!

...ARE BEING RANK KINOE AND DEFEATING 50 OR MORE DEMONS...

THE CRITERIA FOR PROMOTION TO HASHIRA...

...OR DEFEATING A MEMBER OF THE TWELVE KIZUKI.

*EYE: LOWER 2

...IDENTIFIES HIM AS ONE OF THE TWELVE KIZUKI.

THE NUMBER ENGRAVED IN HIS EYE...

...IS A DEED SO FOUL...

...THAT I CANNOT OVERLOOK IT.

AN INDISCRIMINATE ATTACK INVOLVING CIVILIANS...

FWIP

TONIGHT IS YOUR LAST NIGHT!

PREPARE TO DIE, RENGOKU!

I CANNOT FORGET THE INSULT YOU GAVE ME.

HEH HEH HEH... YOU'RE SO ARROGANT!

I SPENT YEARS GROWING STRONGER, UNTIL I FINALLY BECAME ONE OF THE TWELVE KIZUKI!

ON THAT DAY, I SWORE REVENGE!

WHO ARE YOU?!

...

...

HUH?

Y-YOU... *FORGOT* ME?

NO, I DIDN'T FORGET!

BECAUSE WE'VE NEVER MET BEFORE!

THINK ABOUT IT!

WHAT CORPS MEMBER WOULD ASSOCIATE WITH A DEMON?!

BLA

KIII...

...EEEEEHH!

WHAT?!

HE JUST SHOT HIMSELF IN THE HEAD!

WHAT DOES THAT DEMON WANT?

?!

IF HE'S FORGOTTEN, THEN REMIND HIM...

HFF

HFF

CALM DOWN... JUST STAY COOL...

BOOO

WOO

THANKS TO YOU, MANY WILL DIE!

BL

AH

BLAM BLAM BLAM

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YA

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GUNS SPROUTED FROM INSIDE HIM!

KLOOO

BOOM

BOOM

BOOM

CRACK

KSHAK

FLAME BREATHING FOURTH FORM

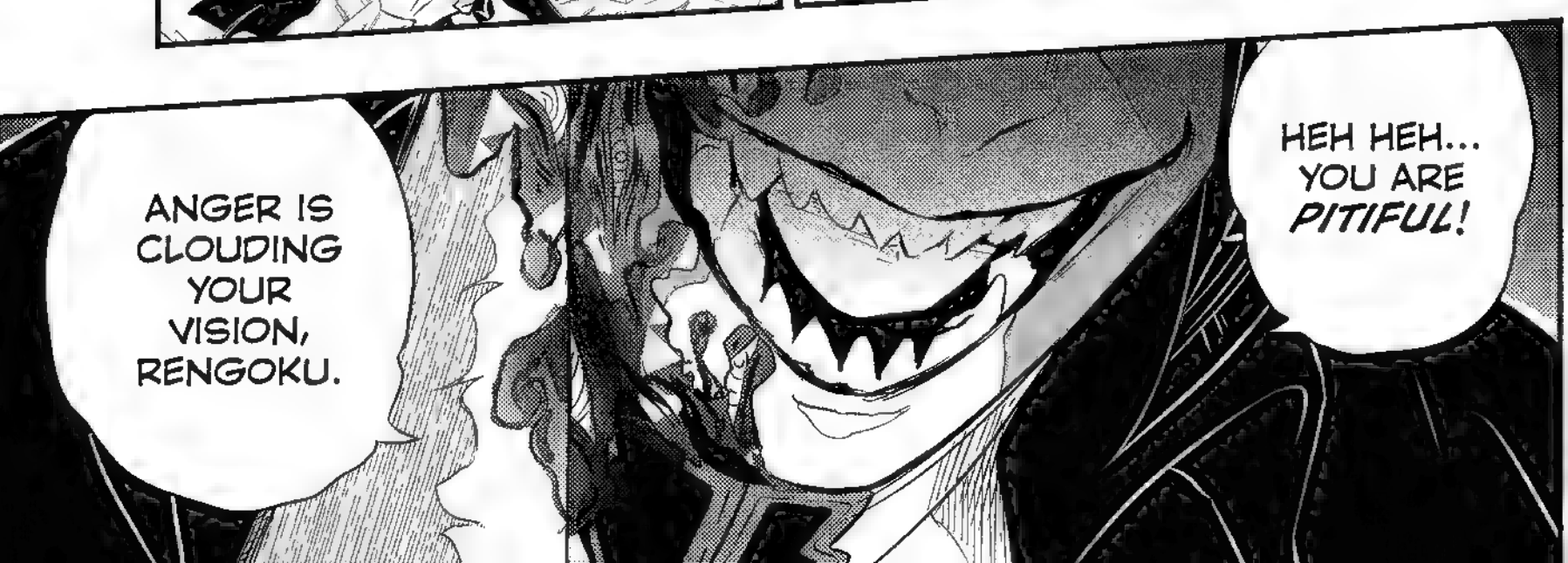
BLOOMING FLAME UNDULATION








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ANGER IS CLOUDING YOUR VISION, RENGOKU.
HEH HEH... YOU ARE *PITIFUL*!

WW

IN BATTLE, YOU MUST REMAIN CALM!

WW

UWA!

IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE I'M CUTTING.

THIS MUST BE HIS BLOOD DEMON ART!

MY KATANA IS JUST SINKING INTO THAT SHADOW.

UWA!

FLASH

TSSS

BOOM

REN-
GOKU!

R...

...!

YOU'VE EVEN GOT UGLY HAIR LIKE HIM!

SO YOU'RE HIS UNDER-LING, HUH?

SLASH

YOU MUSTN'T DIE SO EASILY!

I WANT MY REVENGE TO BE *PAINFUL* FOR HIM!

VM

DON'T WORRY. HE'S ALIVE, BUT BARELY.

I WAS GOOD AT THAT KIND OF THING EVEN WHEN I WAS STILL HUMAN.

I KNOW HOW TO BREAK PEOPLE WITHOUT KILLING THEM.

HE'LL WATCH AS I TORTURE AND KILL HIS COMRADES AND FAMILY!

BUT IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR JOIN-ING THE DEMON SLAYERS!

YOU ARE A VICTIM OF MY REVENGE!

...IN WAYS YOU COULD NEVER EVEN IMAGINE!

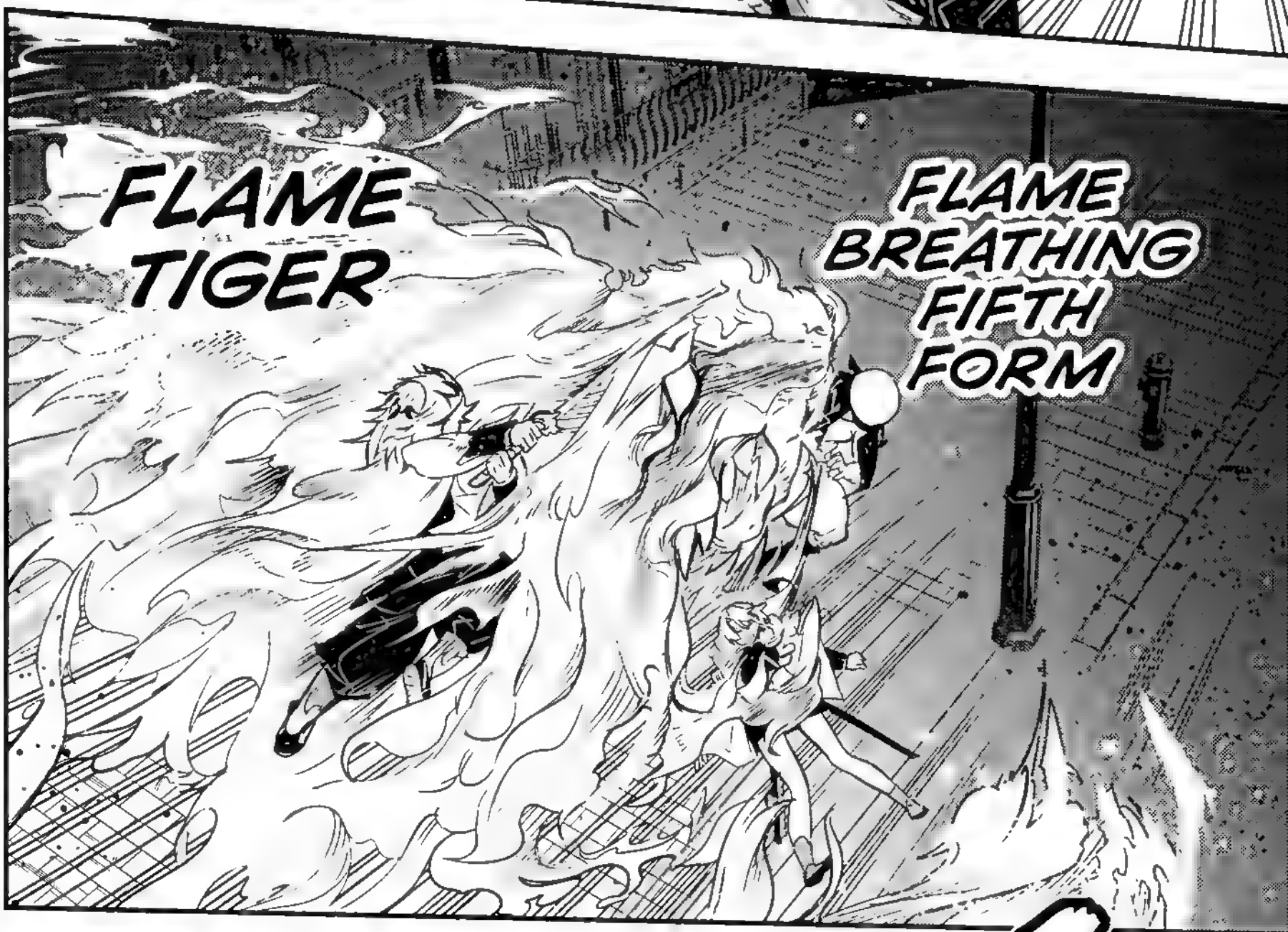
I WILL SUBJECT YOU TO THE LIMITS OF HUMAN SUFFER-ING...

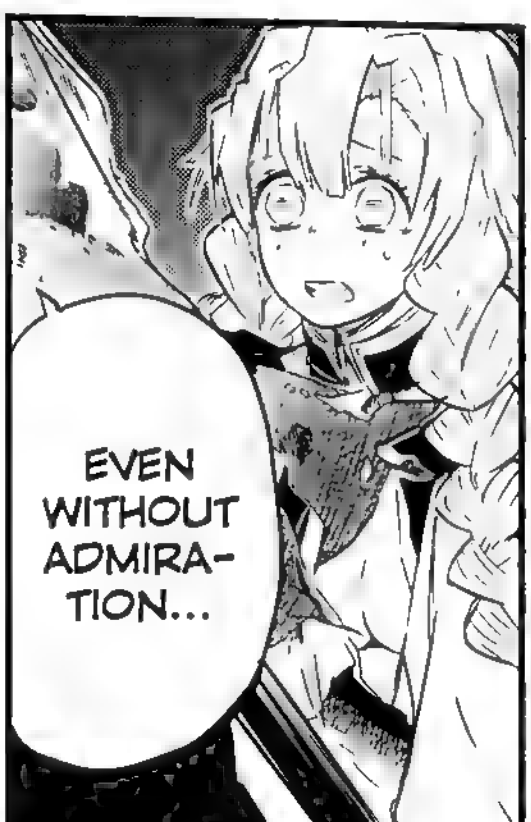
...YET NO ONE ADMIRES OR EVEN KNOWS YOU!

HOW PITIFUL!

YOU CORPS MEMBERS DIE SUCH PITIFUL DEATHS...




FLAME TIGER
FLAME BREATHING FIFTH FORM


EVEN WITHOUT ADMIRA-TION...




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IT MAY SEEM PITIFUL ...

...BUT I WILL FULFILL MY DUTY!

THAT'S WHAT WE DO!

...I WILL FIGHT TO PROTECT PEOPLE FROM DEMONS.

HE PLANTED BOMBS ALL OVER THE CAPITAL.

GO DISARM THEM WITH THE OTHER CORPS MEMBERS.

I'M CHANG-ING YOUR ORDERS.

CAN YOU STAND, KANROJI ?

REN-GOKU!

YOU CANNOT CUT OFF MY HEAD.

HUH IS

DEFEAT ME?

....AND YOUR CORPS CANNOT DEFEAT THE DEMONS.

A SWORD CANNOT WIN AGAINST A FIREARM...

...SO I WILL DEFEAT HIM.

THIS DEMON IS OBSESSED WITH ME FOR SOME REASON...

LISTEN, KYOJURO.

LIKE YOUR FATHER, YOU WILL BECOME A GREAT HASHIRA.

AND BECOMING HASHIRA IS OUR PRIDE.

THE RENGOKU FAMILY HAS HAS HUNTED DEMONS FOR GENERA-TIONS.

...AND SHINE GENTLY UPON HUMAN BEINGS.

HOLD IN YOUR HEART A FLAME LIKE THE SUN.

BURN EVIL DEMONS ...

I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU THINK I AM...

...BUT MY NAME IS KYOJURO REN-GOKU.

BEAR THE FLAME IN YOUR HEART.

BRING IT ON!

I'LL PUT AN END TO YOU AND YOUR GRUDGE!

BECOME THE FLAME HASHIRA.

THE LOWER RANK 2 DEMON

He hunts members of the Demon Slayer Corps and collects the handguards from their katana as trophies. He gets angry over the slightest things, and he shoots himself in the head with a gun to calm down. However, he hasn't noticed that the repeated trauma to his brain has damaged his memory.



DEMON SLAYER!

KIMETSU NO YAIBA

Stories of WATER and FLAME

KYOJURO RENGOKU'S STORY, PART 2




BLOOD DEMON ART
CAPTURE CAVITY— SHADOW WOLVES

BAM

BLA BLA BAM

WH

FOURTH FORM

FLAME BREATHING

BLOOMING FLAME UNDULATION

SH

NO

WHY?

WHY DID SHE HAVE TO GO TO THE NETHER-WORLD...

...WHILE SCUM LIKE YOU GETS TO LIVE ON?

N...

NO...

PLEASE, DON'T HURT ME!

SLA

SH

...AAAHHH!

GYAAA...

...AA-AAA...

I'M SO TIRED...

NO MATTER WHAT I DO...

...IT'S ALL POINTLESS.

ARE YOU GOING TO RUN FOR YOUR WHOLE LIFE...

...YOU COWARDLY DEMON?!

THAT HAIR... THOSE EYES...

HE IS DEFINITELY A DEMON HUNTER...

THE SAME DEMON HUNTER WHO CHOPPED ME UP, BODY AND SOUL!

I CANNOT STAND TO LIVE IN FEAR OF HIM! MY RAGE WILL KILL ME!

...AAAGH!

AAA...

MY WOUNDS HAVE HEALED SINCE THAT DAY, BUT I CANNOT CONTROL MY FEAR AND ANGER.

BLAM

BAB LAM

WOOBLAM

I WILL HAVE MY REVENGE ...

...KYOJURO RENGOKU!

REVENGE!

IS HE...

...GOING TO GO TO HEAVEN LIKE MOTHER?

EVER SINCE MOTHER DIED, FATHER HAS LAIN ON THE FLOOR.

BROTHER!

AS THE ELDEST SON OF HOUSE RENGOKU ...

...I MUST BECOME AS STRONG AS I CAN.

NO, DON'T SAY THAT, SENJURO.

FATHER WILL GET BACK UP SOMEDAY.

I PROMISED MY MOTHER...

...TO HELP THE WEAK...

DO NOT CRY, KYOJURO.

SOMEDAY, IT WILL EVEN PROVIDE THE STRENGTH YOU NEED.

DO NOT LET SADNESS SWALLOW YOU.

...AND BECOME A HASHIRA.

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BE CAREFUL, OR THE WOLVES WILL ABSORB OUR BLADES!

HURRY! FIND THE BOMBS WHILE RENGOKU HOLDS BACK THE DEMON!

I'VE NEVER SEEN A BOMB BEFORE.

DISABLE IT THE WAY I TOLD YOU!

THANKS FOR SHOWING ME WHERE IT IS.

YEAH, OKAY!

I FOUND ONE!

CLUNK

KYAAAH!

CHAW

THEY'RE SO NOT CUTE!

GAH! WHAT'S WITH THE DOGGIES?!

YANK

OH NO! I CAN'T CUT IT!

STRIKING IT DOESN'T WORK! THE DOG JUST ABSORBS THE BLADE!

DON'T PANIC! BREATHE THE WAY YOU PRACTICED!

BLURRP!

CHOMP

HELP!

HELP ME, REN-GOKU!

I LEARNED FLAME BREATHING, BUT I CAN'T DO IT WELL!

MAYBE I'M NOT CUT OUT FOR THIS!

I ALWAYS END UP FOCUSING ON STRONG SWORD SWINGS.

OW!

UWAAAH!

GO! LEAVE ME HERE!

KYAAAH!

MOMMY! MOMMY!

WAAAAH!






WHAM

I...

I CUT IT! WOW!

TRNBL

TRNBL

I MOVED WITHOUT THINKING!

HOW DID I CUT IT?

TRNBL

?!

TROMP

WHOOO

GRR

GRR









...THOSE PESKY DOGGIES!

I'M GONNA GET RID OF...

JUST YOU WAIT.

SHA

...BUT YOU MUST LEARN TO SWING WITH YOUR WHOLE BODY.

SWUP

YOU AREN'T VERY STRONG.

YOU CAN CUT DOWN LOWER-RANK DEMONS...

TOSS

LISTEN, KANROJI.

...AS IF YOUR SWORD IS PART OF YOUR BODY!

EXTEND YOURSELF TO THE BLADE'S VERY EDGE...

I'M SORRY, RENGOKU.

ONLY NOW DO I UNDER-STAND WHAT YOU SAID.

ACTUALLY, I NEEDED YOUR ADVICE THAT DAY..

...BECAUSE I FEARED I WAS UNFIT FOR THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS.

I BET YOU'LL SURPASS ME IN SWORD FIGHTING EVENTUALLY!

HELPING THE WEAK IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STRONG.

THAT'S WHAT MY DEPARTED MOM TAUGHT ME!

...CAN ATTRACT DEMONS' ATTENTION AND CHEER PEOPLE UP!

YOUR STRENGTH, FLEXIBILITY, AND UNUSUAL HAIR COLOR...

SO I'M HAPPY AND PROUD TO BE YOUR TRAINER!

ABOVE ALL, YOU HAVE A LOVING HEART!

...BUT I WAS ALSO SEARCHING FOR A PLACE TO BE MYSELF!

I REMEMBER NOW!

I WAS SEARCHING FOR A WORTHY MAN...

I MUST BE MORE LIKE MYSELF.

...AND LITHE.

I MUST BE FLEXIBLE...

"THAT'S WHAT WE DO!"

AT A TIME LIKE THIS, I...

WHAT SHOULD I DO, RENGOKU ?

"EVEN WITHOUT ADMIRATION, I WILL FIGHT..."

...AND PUT IT IN YOUR BLADE!

...MY HEART FROM POUND-ING!

I CAN'T STOP...

TAKE THAT BURNING HEART...



GYAH!

CRUSH

I FINALLY FOUND IT!

I...

I DID IT! I BEAT THEM!

MY OWN STYLE OF BREATH-ING!

...

N-NO... MY SON'S FINE TOO!

ARE YOU HURT?!

CRASH

WHEW! THAT'S GOOD!

...I LOVE SAKURA MOCHI. I ATE SO MUCH IT MADE MY HAIR LIKE THIS!

I FAILED TO MENTION IT EARLIER, BUT...

TEE HEE! ISN'T THAT WEIRD?

BUT THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO GO DO!

LISTEN TO YOUR MOM, OKAY?

YOU'RE SAFE NOW.

SOME PEOPLE CALLED KAKUSHI WILL COME HELP YOU!

THANKS, MISS!

HUH?

YOU SAY IT TOO, MOM!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

THANK YOU, YOUNG LADY!

...RENGOKU.

THEY THANKED ME.

THAT MEANS I EARNED THEIR RESPECT...

I DON'T HEAR ANY MORE EXPLOSIONS.

AND I SENSE FEWER OF THE WOLVES I LOOSED.

I NEED TO FINISH THIS BEFORE MORE CORPS MEMBERS ARRIVE.

BLAM

FWOOSH

IMPOS-
SIBLE!

I SHOT HIM WITH BULLETS...

...AND CAUGHT HIM IN MULTIPLE EXPLOSIONS ...

...SO WHY WON'T HE FALL?!

BLAM

WHY FACE ME WITH NOTHING BUT A KATANA?

HE'S JUST A PATHETIC HUMAN!

CLOMP

THAT GUY...

FWAP

IS THE WARRIOR BEFORE ME NOW...

...REALLY THE ONE I ENCOUNTERED THAT DAY?

FWSH!

I'M OUT OF BULLETS?!

DID I USE ALL MY FIREPOWER ON HIM?!

THAT WAS THE LAST OF MY AMMO!

CL

DAMN!

!

IS THAT ALL YOU GOT?

WHAT'S WRONG?

GRAAAAAAAA...

SNAP

TCH

DD

AAAAAAAAAARR!

KA

SLAM

GRARRRRGH!

CLICK

CLICK

UH

ANY-THING WILL DO!

I JUST NEED A WEAPON!

I MUST PROVE HIM WRONG!

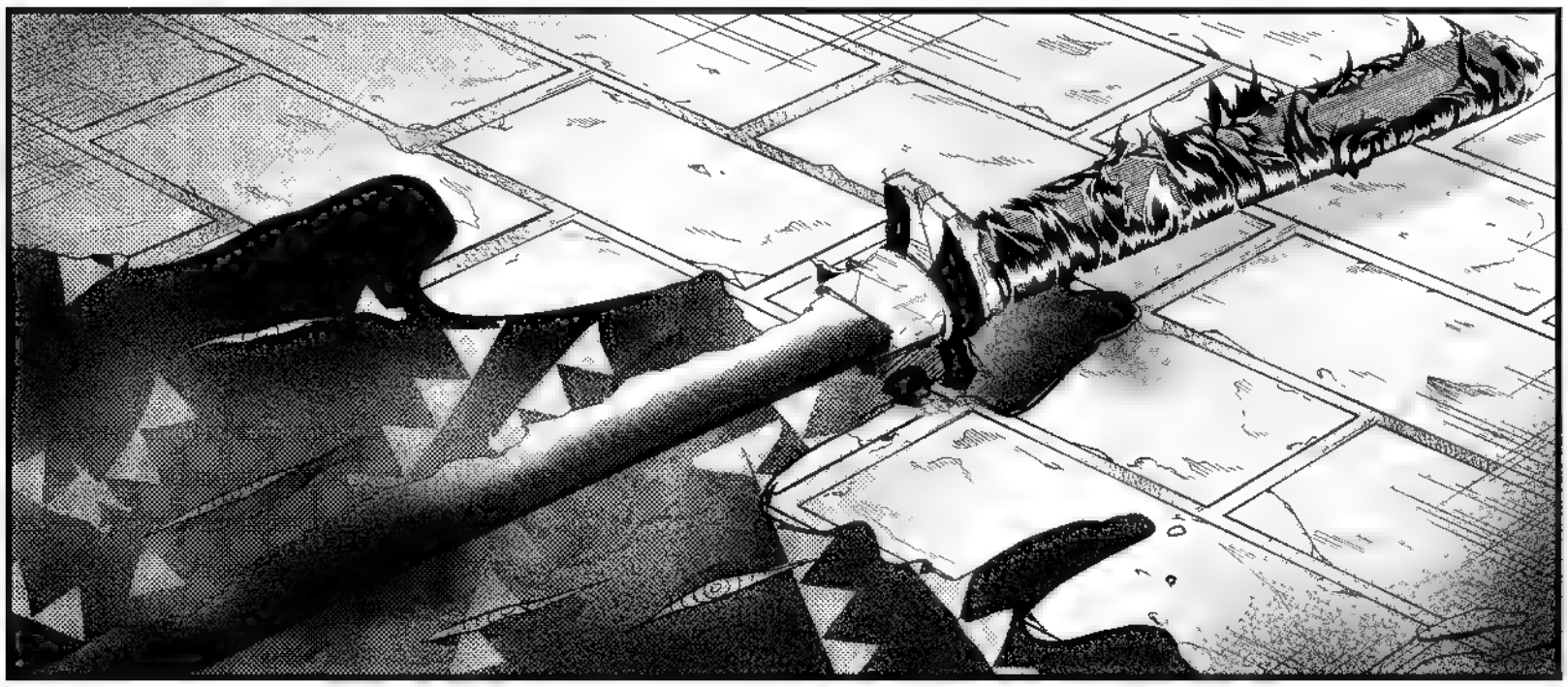
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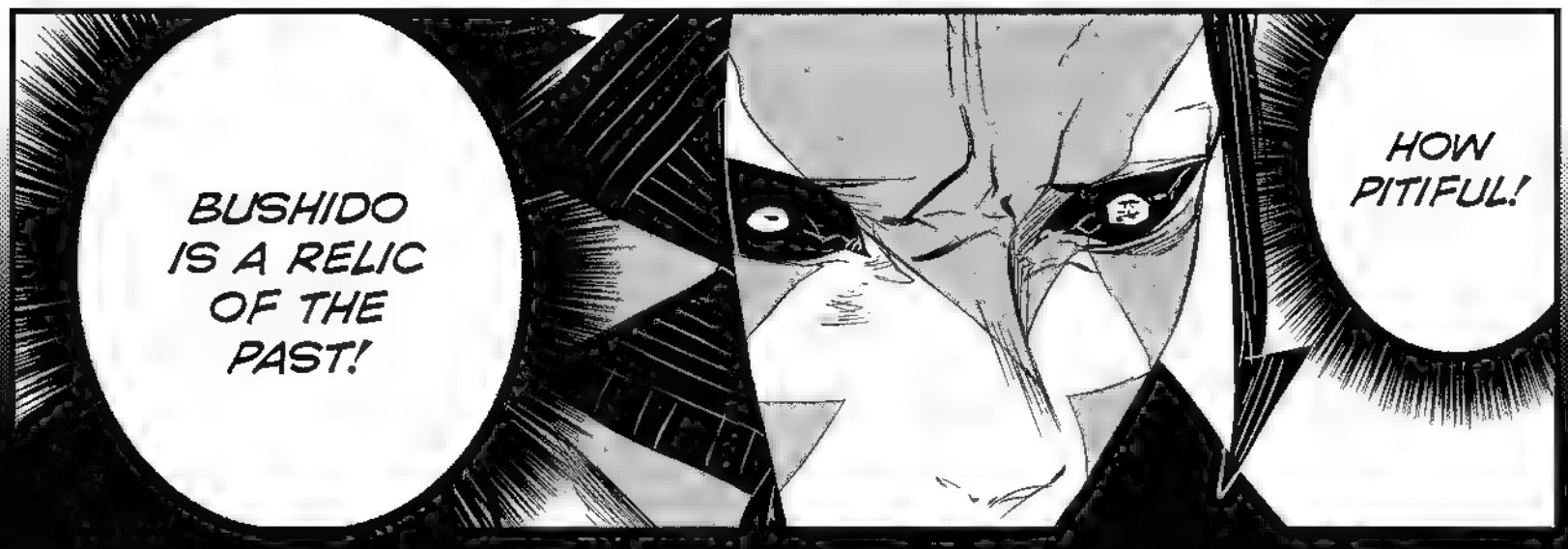
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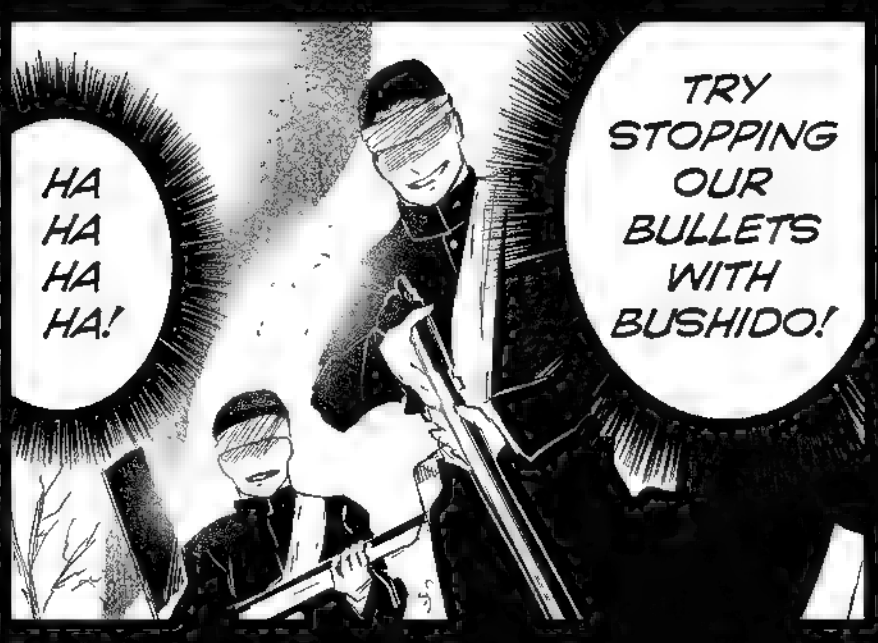
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SURELY I STILL HAVE SOME-THING!




BUSHIDO IS A RELIC OF THE PAST!
HOW PITIFUL!




HA HA HA HA!
TRY STOPPING OUR BULLETS WITH BUSHIDO!


OUR SWORDS NEVER LOSE AGAINST GUNS.
DO NOT WORRY.

BLUE
EYE
SAMURAI

BLOOD DEMON ART

CAPTURE CAVITY— WARWOLF OF HORROR

IF I RECALL CORRECTLY ...

...ISN'T YOUR NAME KYOJURO RENGOKU?

AH, I THOUGHT SO...

AND IT ABSORBS WHATEVER TOUCHES IT!

YES.

HE GATHERED THE DOGS AND CLOAKED HIMSELF IN SHADOW!

AS A LONE WARRIOR, I WILL NOW KILL YOU.

I AM HAIRO...

...KYOJURO RENGOKU.

...

ALL RIGHT.

BRING IT ON.

I MUST SWING MY SWORD HARDER.

NOTHING HAS CHANGED SINCE THAT DAY.

HIS SHADOW ABSORBS MORE POWERFULLY THAN THE WOLVES'.

WHICH LEAVES ME ONLY ONE CHOICE...

GNO

ФООТ


NOW DIE!
IT'S NO USE!
YOUR SWORD CANNOT DEFEAT MY BLOOD DEMON ART!


FLAME


WHAT KIND OF ATTACK IS THIS?!


HE'S BURNING IT AWAY!
MY SHADOW!


THE NINTH FORM IS AN ESOTERIC ART BEARING HIS OWN NAME.
FLAME BREATHING HAS NINE FORMS.

...AND HIS VERY LIFE TO A FULL-POWER SLASH.

GIII



NINTH FORM

RENGOKU





I ADMIRE YOUR SWORDS-MANSHIP.

...SO I CAN'T COLLAPSE YET.

I'M NOT DONE YET...

MOVE! STEP FORWARD!

I HAVE TO DISABLE THE BOMBS...

MY BODY...

HFF

HFF

HUG

YOU DID IT...

YOU KILLED ONE OF THE TWELVE KIZUKI!

NOW YOU CAN BE A HASHIRA!

OUTTA THE WAY, YOU!

HE NEEDS TREATMENT, OR HE'LL DIE!

WAAAAAH!

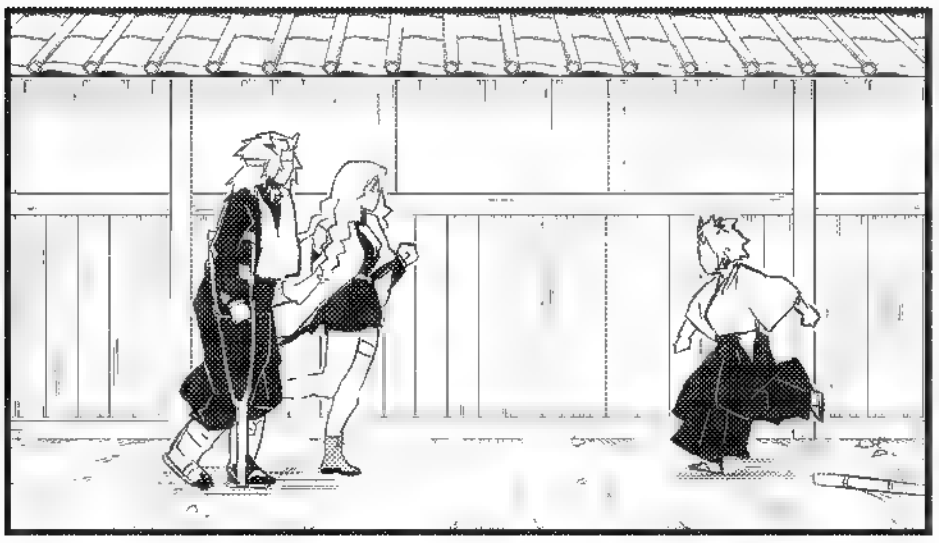
SHE WON'T LET GO!

WHY IS SHE SO STRONG ?!

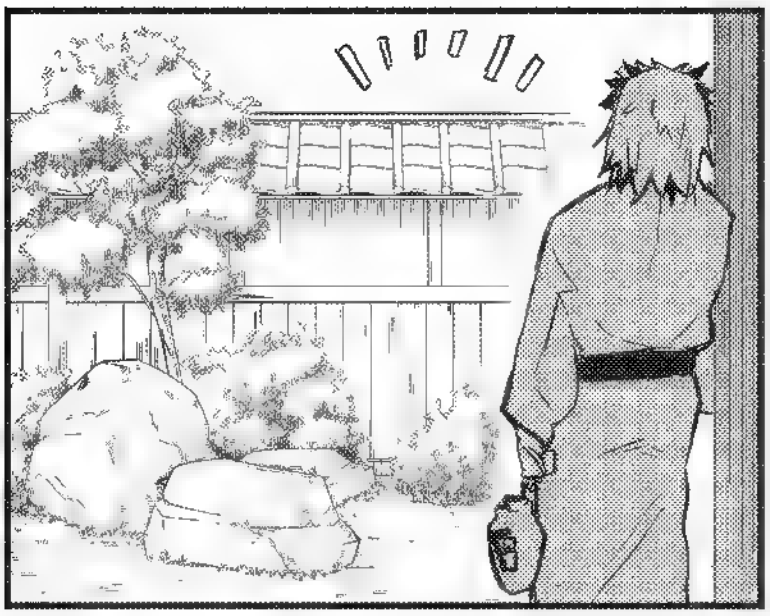
KYOJURO KEPT HIS PROMISE.

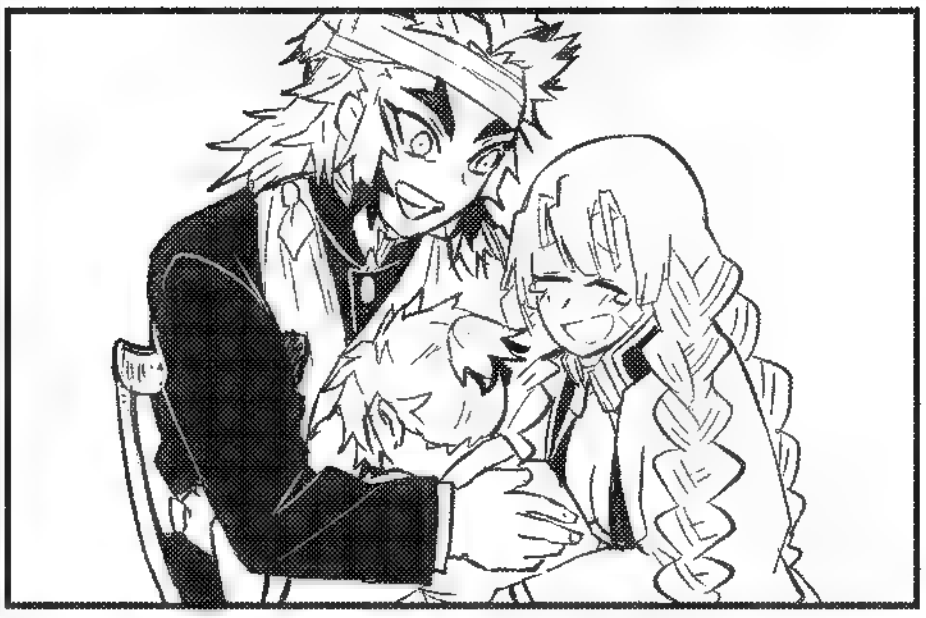
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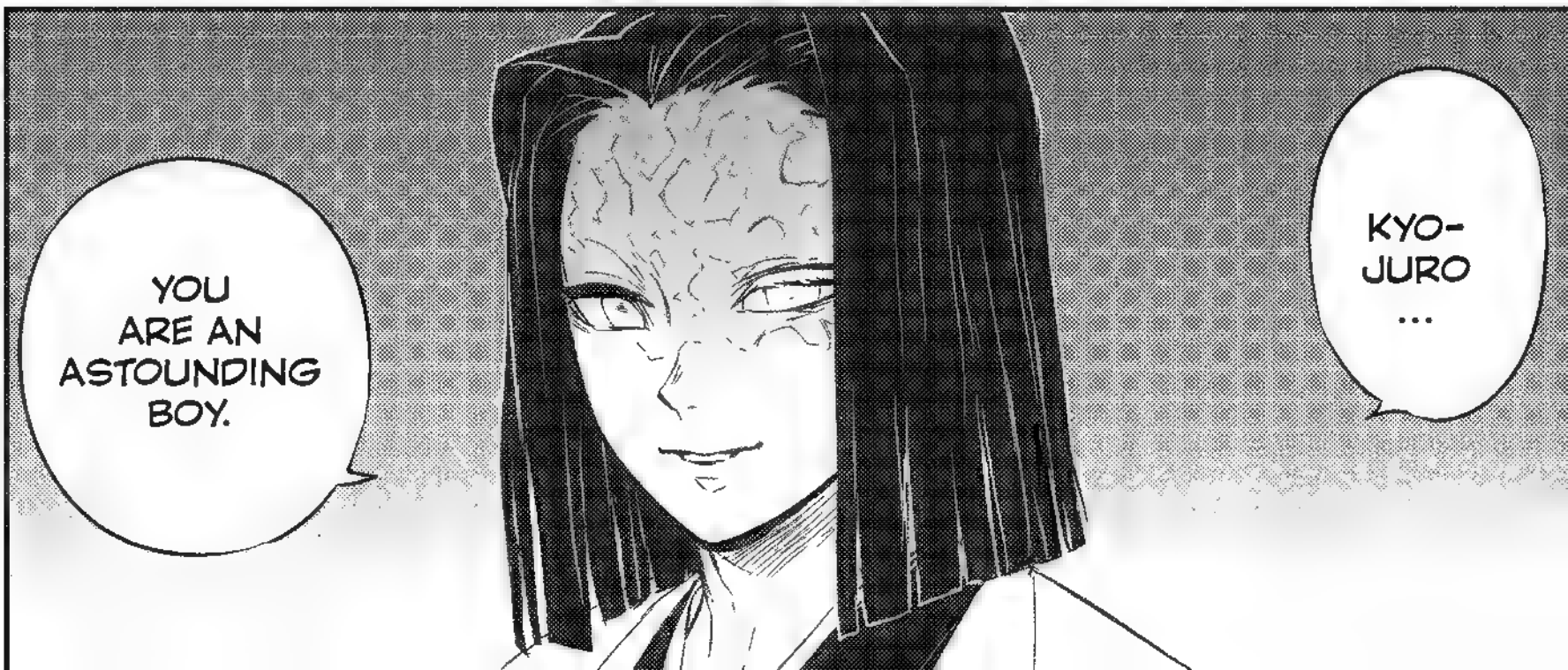











YOU ARE AN ASTOUNDING BOY.
KYO-JURO ...

WILL YOU SUPPORT THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS...

...FROM NOW ON AS A HASHIRA?

HMPH!

YES!

MOTHER ...

THE FIRE YOU LIT IN MY HEART THAT DAY...

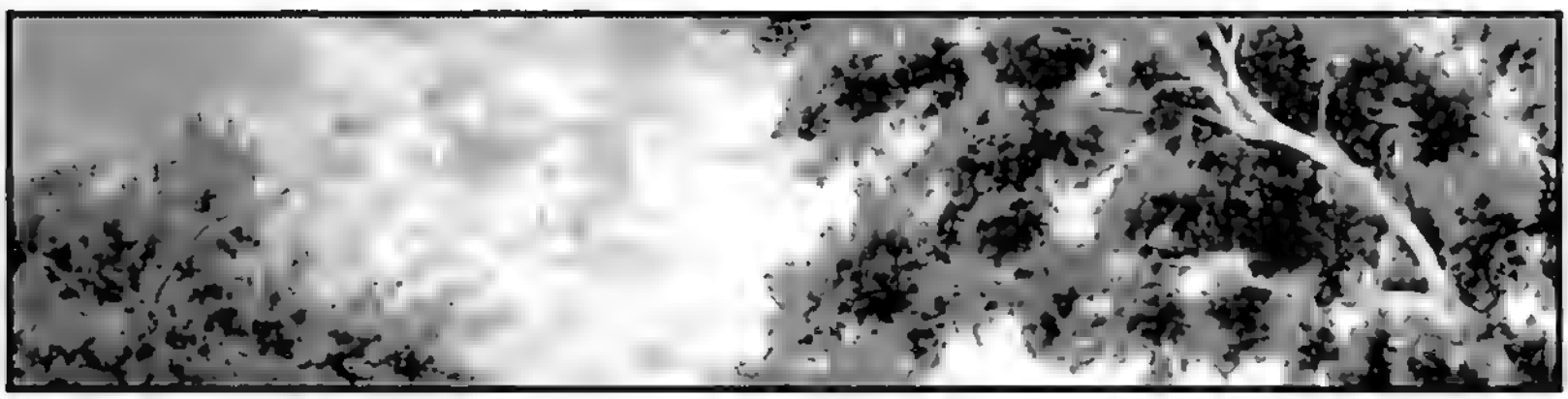
...STILL BURNS WITHIN MY BREAST.

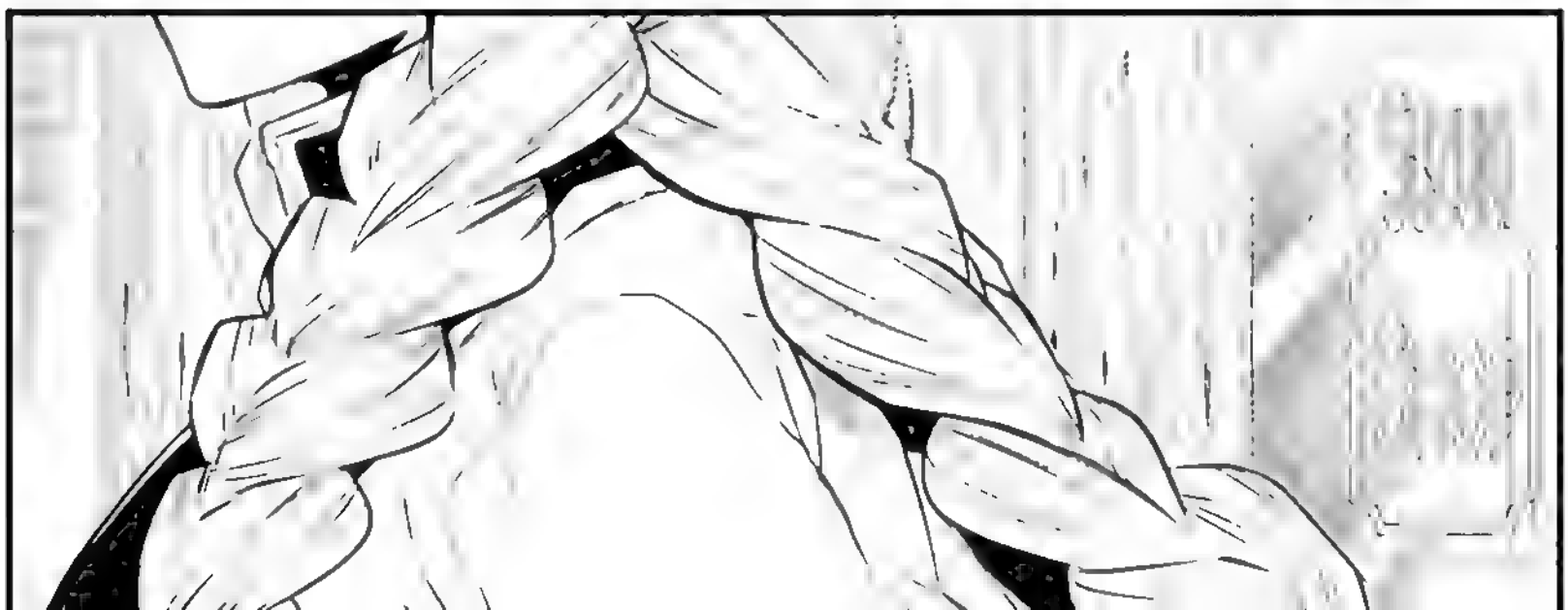
...WITH-OUT FAIL.

AS THE ELDEST SON OF THE RENGOKU FAMILY, I WILL FULFILL MY DUTY...

I'M COUNTING ON YOU.







THE SEASON HAS ALREADY PASSED, BUT...

THAT'S ODD.

UM... NOTHING, IGURO!

HUH?

WHAT'S WRONG, KANROJI?

YOU SMELL SAKURA?

NO, IT'S MORE LIKE...

BONITSU! THIS GUY'S SO DUMB, HE DOESN'T KNOW WHEN SAKURA BLOOM!

My name is Zenitsu!

BUT TANJIRO HAS A GREAT SENSE OF SMELL!

HMM...

SNUF

UH-OH!

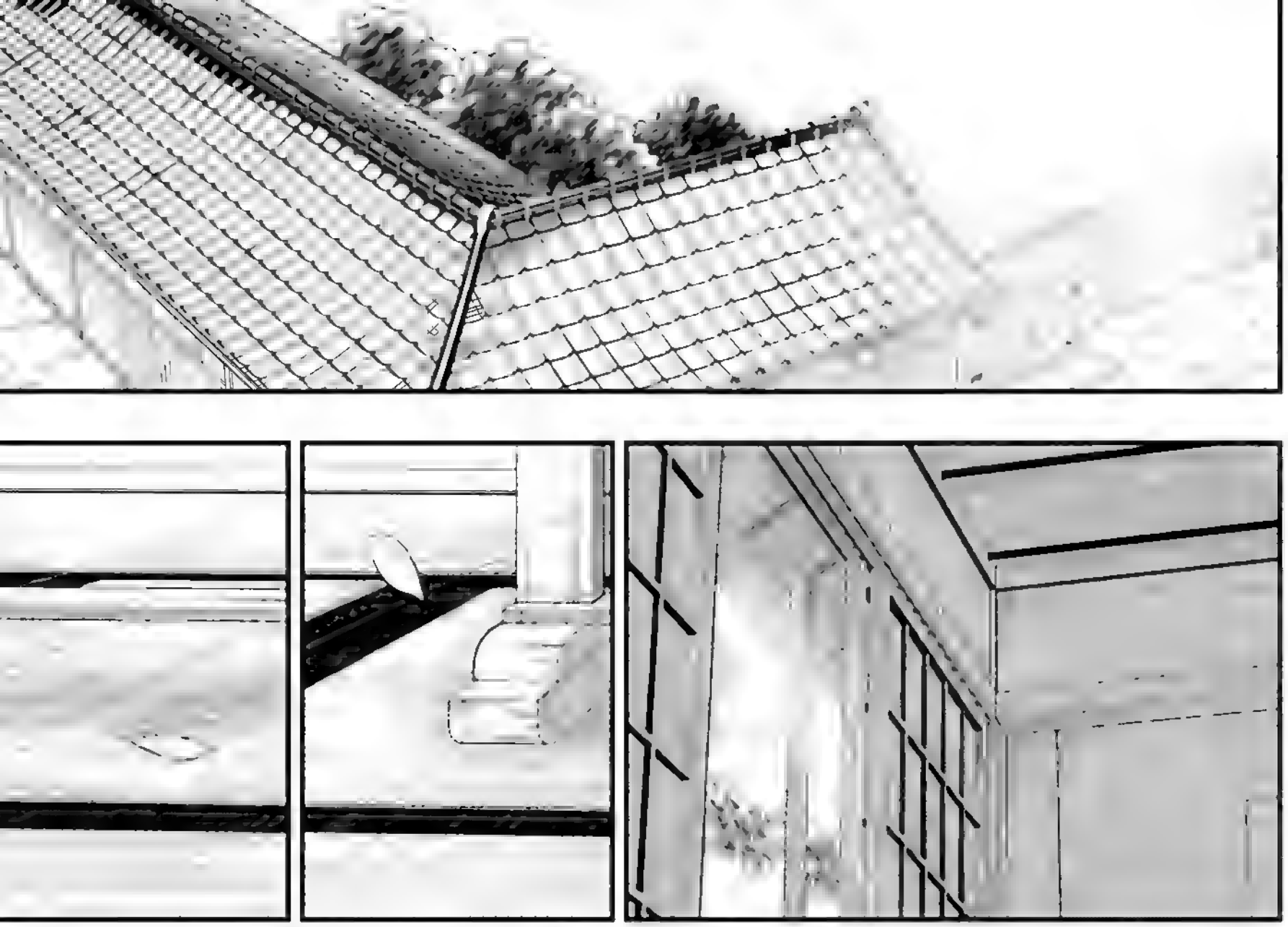
YIKES! SORRY!

WHAT'RE YOU TWO TALKING ABOUT?!

SORRY! I'M COMING!

!

STOP DAWDLING! WE'LL LEAVE YOU BEHIND, WATAPACHIRO!







DEMON SLAYER: KYOJURO RENGOKU'S STORY (THE END)

KIMETSU BETWEEN THE SCENES!

The following pages consist of four-panel manga serialized in *Jump+* as bonus content for the *Demon Slayer* television anime. They were created with the intention of providing further enjoyment for everyone who had watched the anime. Anyway, it was a blast to draw Tanjiro and the others looking so cute!



READY AND...

GOOD LUCK!

BIG BROTHER!

UROKODAKI!

"I'M SORRY I HAD TO LEAVE YOU, TANJIRO."

"TAKE CARE OF NEZUKO."

MMM...

YOU'RE AWAKE?

NEZUKO...

GO SEE AN OLD MAN NAMED SAKONJI UROKODAKI WHO LIVES AT THE FOOT OF MOUNT SAGIRI.

?!

GRAAAH GRAAH

WAS HE...

TELL HIM THAT GIYU TOMIOKA SENT YOU.

...JUST WASTING TIME UNTIL WE WOKE UP?!

NEUKOOO!

YOU CHINK TOO SLOWLY!

NEUKOOO!

OH-IDOOO-Z

AAH!

AAA...

GYA...

DON'T GROW ARMS FROM YOUR HEAD! (WEIRD COMMENT)

CHOKK

GRAHH

ARGH

MY HAIR IS TANGLED UP ON THE HAFT!

HEY, BODY! GET ME DOWN FROM HERE!

ARGH

YAY YAY

HEY! DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME?!

HEY ...

H—

STOP PLAYING AROUND !!

DATE: x △

DATE: ○ x

DURING TRAINING DAYS

MY TEACHERS' BLOWS THOK BIF POW

DATE: x □

AND THAT'S KIND OF HARD

EPISODE 3

HAIKU BY TANJIRO

WHAT ARE...

...SABITO AND MAKOMO?

DREAMS OR HALLUCINATIONS?

KRAK

STOP SPACING OUT!!

BECOME THE EMBODIMENT OF THE SECRETS UROKODAKI TAUGHT YOU!

T-TELL ME! WHO ARE YOU TWO? WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?

WE'RE ALWAYS WATCHING OVER YOU!

TH-THAT'S NOT AN ANSWER!

I HAVE NOTHING MORE TO TEACH YOU!

I have nothing more to teach you

I KNOW THEY REALLY LIKE UROKODAKI, BUT COME ON!

GOOD LUCK AT FINAL SELECTION!!

FIGHT, TANJIRO!

LIVESTREAM

EPISODE 4

FIGHT!

GAAAAGH!

...THAT DYNASTIES HAVE RISEN AND FALLEN!

I'VE BEEN HERE SO LONG ...

WHAT?! SO WAS THE MEIJI ERA *INCORRECT*?!

TELL ME, FOX BOY... WHAT KANJI DO YOU USE TO WRITE "TAISHO"?!

"BIG" PLUS "CORRECT."

WHO THOUGHT UP SUCH NONSENSE?!

HFF HFF

HMM... HOW STRANGE ...

SO IT'S THE TAISHO ERA, HUH?

HMM...

A NEW ERA... IT'S ALL SO SUDDEN...! I CAN'T WRAP MY HEAD AROUND IT.

SO *WHAT*?!

GOOD WORK

GOOD JOB

HEY!

STOP! LET GO OF HER!

KATANA! I WANT MY KATANA! AND I WANT IT NOW!!

GRAB

HURRY UP AND CHOOSE YOUR ORE...

...SO I CAN FORGE YOUR KATANA!

CHOOSE.

CHOOSE OR I'LL KILL YOU.

OKAY, I'LL CHOOSE! I SAID I'LL CHOOSE!

OUCH!! OWOWOW-OWOW!!

WHAT'S WITH THE OLD GUY ?!

OH NO! WHAT SHOULD WE DO?!

HURRY HURRY

CRIK CRIK CRIK

EPISODE 6

SINCE BECOMING A DEMON, NEZUKO HAS PICKED UP SOME NASTY FOOT HABITS...

KIK KIK KIK KIK KIK

AM I ALL RIGHT ?!

DINING REVIEW
CONTRIBUTOR: BOG DEMON
(ONE HORN)

☆☆☆☆☆

This time, I ate a 16-year-old girl ▪ which is nothing new (lol) My tastes have greatly changed since becoming a demon, and I've started collecting their hairpins. But enough about me. I can't complain about the taste, and the meatiness was more than satisfying!

DINING REVIEW
CONTRIBUTOR: BOG DEMON
(TWO HORNS)

★★★★☆

The girl looked tasty, but a Demon Slayer interrupted, so I have to subtract four ★ and leave only one ★!

DINING REVIEW
CONTRIBUTOR: BOG DEMON
(THREE HORNS)

★☆☆☆☆

I still crave 16-year-old girls, but when that demon girl kicked me, it came with its own thrill...opening new horizons I wonder how old she is I've never felt this way before...and it feels good

WAS THIS REVIEW HELPFUL TO YOU?

YES

NO

OF COURSE NOT!!

SMUSH SMUSH

HEY! WHO'RE YOU!?

EPISODE

ZZZZ

TELL ME ABOUT MUZAN KIBUTSUJI.

YMKW

GWOOO

YOU MUST NOT SPEAK.

YOU MUST NEVER TELL ANYONE ABOUT ME.

BY: ME

BY ME BOOGSH SHTEIN

IF YOU DO, I WILL KNOW IMMEDI-ATELY...

...AND SPREAD YOUR "POETRY" AROUND TOWN.

I CAN'T TELL YOU! I CAN'T TELL YOU!

HWIP

HWIP

HWIP

?!

I'M ALWAYS WATCHING YOU.

GO MUZAN JAPAN

EPISODE

KIMETSU NO YAIBA

GYAAAH

WHY'RE YOU WITH THAT HAG?! I MEAN, THAT DEMON?!

YOU CALLED NEZUKO A HAG AGAIN!!

IS YOUR OWN SPELL MESSING WITH YOUR EYESIGHT?!

URREH

WELL, I USUALLY FEAST MY EYES ON LADY TAMAYO!

UNLIKE YOU, I'VE GOT AN EYE FOR BEAUTY!

SLAP SLAP

BABOOM

WHAT'RE YOU TALK-ING ABOUT?!

I'M THE CUTE ONE HERE!

YOU STAY OUTTA THIS!

GRAH GRAH

EPISODE

I GOTTA GET A SAMPLE? OF BLOOD? FROM A DEMON?

OKAY! I UNDER-STAND!

WITH LOTS OF KIBUTSUJI'S BLOOD?

DO YOU REALLY?

LADY TAMAYO! I'VE GOT A GREAT IDEA!

IF YOU DRESS LIKE A NURSE, DEMONS WILL COME FOR YOU TO DRAW THEIR BLOOD!

HERE! TRY IT ON!

SPURT

I'M SERIOUS!

JUST GO TO FINAL SELECTION, YOU NINNY!!

I'VE GOT STOMACH CRAMPS! I MIGHT DIE!

AAAAAGH!

GYAAAAH!

WAAAAAH

*POUTING

EPISODE 10

CHIRP

CHIRP

WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT?

SNIFF

SNIFF

I DON'T WANNA GOOOO

I CAN'T DO IT! I'LL DIEEE!

GYAAAH

I PITY YOU, BUT I HAD NO CHOICE.

KIBUTSUJI... YOU SAID HIS NAME.

MAGICAL AROMA OF DAYLIGHT

JUDGING

BUT IN JAPANESE IT SOUNDS LIKE YOUR NAME! SORTA!

"YOU HAVE ATHLETE'S FOOT"!

I'M TOTALLY SAFE!

I D-DIDN'T SAY IT! I JUST SAID, UM...

SO IT DOESN'T COUNT!!

TH-THANK YOU SO MUCH!

YOU'RE SO FORGIVING, MUZAN!

I DON'T BELIEVE YOU, BUT OH WELL. BE MORE CAREFUL FROM NOW ON.

WHEW

END.

TROMP

SPIN SPIN SPIN

EPISODE 11

I'M HERE TO KILL YOU!

THIS BOY CAN'T PULL OFF A SURPRISE ATTACK!

KRASH

COMIN' THROUGH! COMIN' THROUGH!

WH- WHO'RE YOU?!

THIS BOY CAN'T REVEAL SPOILERS.

THIS BOY CAN'T REVEAL SPOILERS.

!!

AND THIS BOY CAN'T GET MARRIED.

EPISODE 12

DUNN

DUN

DUN

I'M GETTING A FEEL FOR THIS DEMON'S ATTACKS!

IT GOES LIKE THIS!

PYAH

PYAH

LIKE IN THAT DRUM VIDEO GAME!

WAAAH

A BROKEN TANJIRO WON'T DO!

6500

14771

CRIMSON LOTUS

CRIMSON LOTUS! FULL BLOOM!

SHINE ON, DESTINY!

CRIMSON LOTUS

7500

14773

828

PERFECT!!

STOP!!

GWO

ANYONE WHO TOUCHES THIS BOX...

...MUST SUFFER MY WRATH!

BA

YEAH,

SHOICHI!

WATCH OUT, BOAR GUY!!

BEAT THE HECK OUT OF HIM!

BAM BAM BAM BAM

SHOICHI'S BAD WHEN HE GETS SERIOUS!

HELP!

I CAN'T DO IT...

EPISODE 13

IT'LL NEVER BE POPULAR!

...WHO FIGHTS MONSTERS?!

THIS IS ABOUT A BOY...

NO! IT'S DEEPER THAN THAT!

ONE CANNOT HELP BUT FEEL FOR CHARACTERS WHO REVEAL THEIR HUMOROUS SIDE EVEN UNDER THE MOST FRAUGHT CIRCUMSTANCES!

HEY...

HUH...?

EACH TIME, CHARISMATIC CHARACTERS CONFRONT DELICATE YET INTENSE PREDICAMENTS!

THIS ISN'T A STORY *YOU* WROTE?

C-CALM DOWN...

GYAIEEEEE!

(FAINTS)

YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT SOMEONE *ELSE'S* WORK?!

I READ THE MANGA TOO, AND IT'S MIND-BLOWING!

WHAT'S AN ME?

THE ANIME HAS GREAT ART, AND THE VOICE CAST IS STACKED, AND THE THEME SONG ROCKS!

OH NO! HE'S GROWN UP TO BE A NERD!


AAAAA
IS THAT WHAT I SUFFERED FOR?!
EPISODE 14
AAAAA
...LET'S SEE WHO HEADBUTTS TREES BETTER!!
GNOA
IF IT'S WRONG FOR CORPS MEMBERS TO FIGHT EACH OTHER...
HUH? WHY?!
...SO WE SHOULDN'T KNOCK DOWN TOO MANY.
LISTEN, INOSUKE. TREES ARE LIVING THINGS...
KEH!
JOLT
BAM
WHAT A HARD HEAD!
HE CAN ACTUALLY KNOCK DOWN TREES?!
...
SNORT

EPISODE 15

COME TO MOUNT KATAGUMO

WHERE'D SHE GO?!

ISN'T NEZUKO HERE?!

I'M HAPPY TO SHOW UP AGAIN!

CHK CHK

NOT LONG AFTER IT STARTED...

THERE IT IS AGAIN!

WHAT'S THAT SOUND?

BOOM BAP BIP BOP ...

DANCE BATTLE

...CORPS MEMBERS BEGAN HAVIN' A DANCE BATTLE!

WHAT'S A DANCE BATTLE? ᵕ̈

NOW, MY DARLING DOLLS... DANCE!

TEE HEE!

BAP BOP

DON'T DISTURB THE PEACEFUL LIFE OF OUR FAMILY.

BOOM BAP BOP BIP

BIP

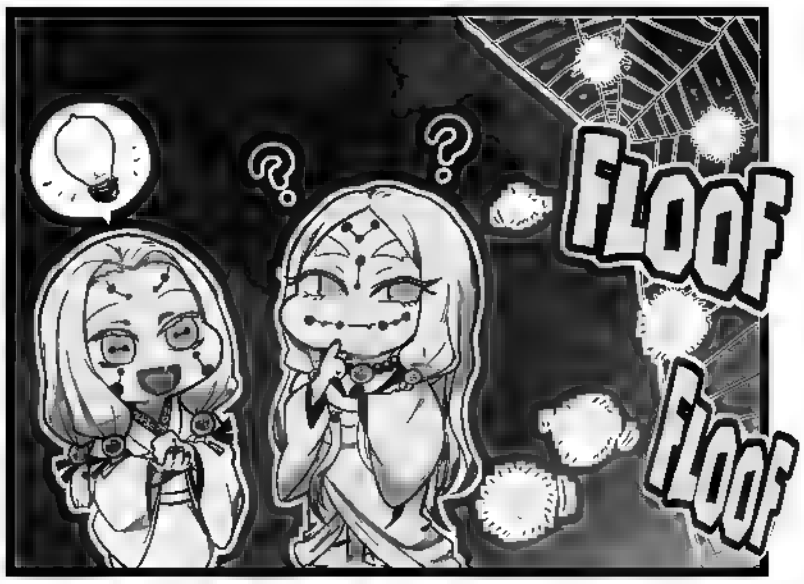
SHUT UP, YOU!

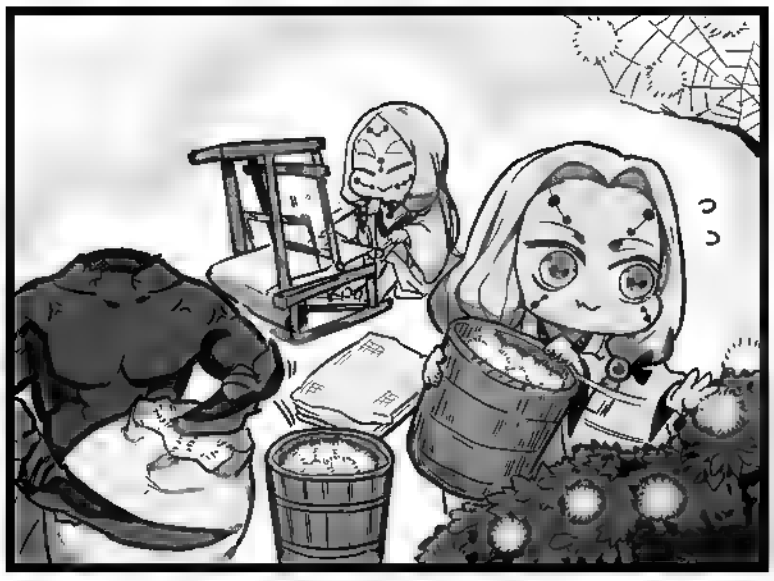
...PEACE-FUL?

YOU CALL THIS...

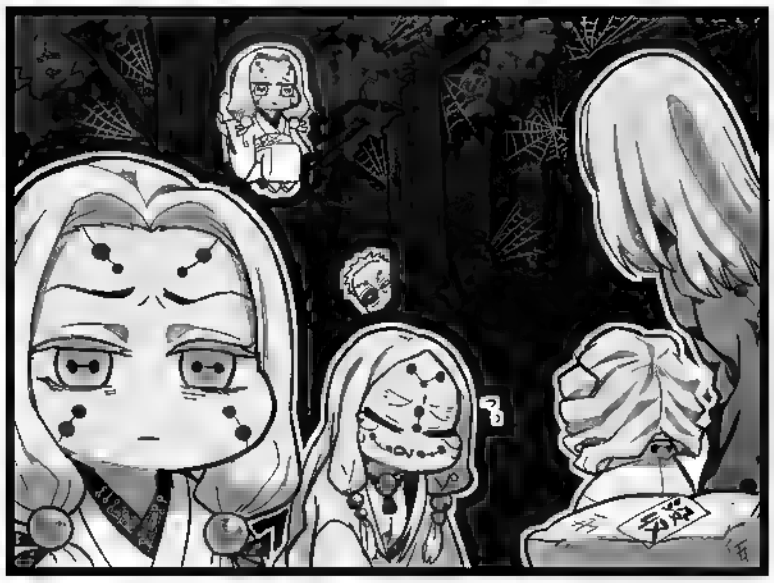
BOOM BIP


DON'T MAKE ME HURF ANY-MORE!
FLOOF
EPISODE 16
FLOOF
As Always, THANK YOU!


FLOOF
FLOOF







EPISODE 17

GROAN

GROAN

FATHER JUMPED IN FROM ABOVE?!

STAY AWAY FROM MY FAMILY!

GRAH

!

YOU HUMANS HAVE NO RIGHT TO CALL ME FATHER!

YAAAAAY!

NO WAY, DAD!

YOU MAY MARRY MY DAUGHTER.

NO ONE CAN SEVER FAMILY TIES.

DEMON SLAYER

THE MOUNT NATAGUMO FAMILY

-Coming Soon-

EPISODE 18

BUT I'M CLEARLY EXPENDABLE, SO I'LL HEAD BACK DOWN THE MOUNTAIN!

OH! LOOKS LIKE I'VE FOUND JUST THE RIGHT KIND OF DEMON! EVEN I CAN SLAY A KID DEMON LIKE THIS!

AND WHAT'S HE WANT?

WH-WHO ARE YOU?!

WHAT'S WITH HIM?

THAT HASHIRA'S GLARING AT ME, SO I'LL HEAD DOWN THE MOUNTAIN!

OH! LOOKS LIKE I'VE FOUND JUST THE RIGHT KIND OF DEMON! EVEN I CAN SLAY A KID DEMON LIKE THIS!

WELL THEN, GO ALREADY!

OH! LOOKS LIKE (OMITTED) ...

BUT THERE AREN'T ANY DEMONS HERE, SO I'LL HEAD BACK!

MOAN

ZWOK

I CAN'T STAND GUYS WHO'RE ALL TALK!!

HIS INTERNAL STATE

EPISODE 19

...IF YOU BREAK MY SWORD...

JUST SO YOU KNOW...

...I'LL KILL YOU!

INN!

THERE'S A THEORY THAT...

...THE REASON YOUR LIFE PASSES BEFORE YOUR EYES...

...IS TO GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO SEARCH ALL YOUR EXPERIENCES AND MEMORIES TO FIND...

...JUST BEFORE DEATH ...

...A WAY TO ESCAPE!

LOOK, TANJIRO!

IT LOOKS LIKE POOP!

ROKUTA'S PEE STAIN LOOKS LIKE TANJIRO!

GYA HA HA

HINO-KAMI KAGU-RAAA!

HOW IS ANY OF THAT GONNA HELP ME?!

EPISODE 20

SHE DANCES LIKE A BUTTERFLY..

INSECT HASHIRA: SHINOBU KOCHO

ANYWAY, I HEARD YOU HATE ANIMALS BECAUSE A DOG ONCE BIT YOU ON THE BUTT. IS THAT TRUE?

TOMIOKA, YOU'RE SO EXPRESSION-LESS. SHALL I EXAMINE YOUR FACIAL MUSCLES?

...AND STINGS LIKE A BEE!

HUH? IS IT? IS IT?

...

POKE POKE POKE POKE POKE POKE POKE POKE POKE POKE POKE POKE

DEAD CALM

(TOTAL IGNORING)

TOTAL CONCEN-TRATION

WATER BREATHING

ELEVENTH FORM

W-WHAT?!

ANYWAY, DO YOU REALLY HATE TALKING TO ME?

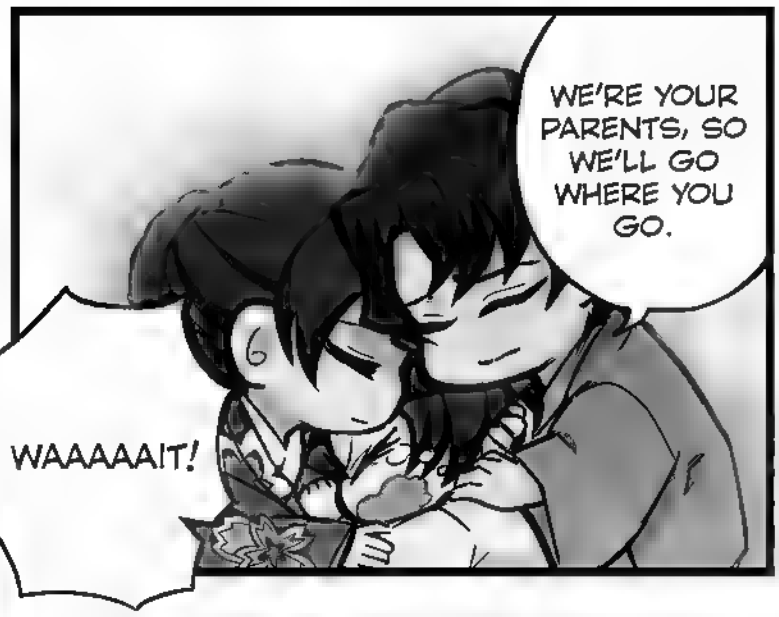
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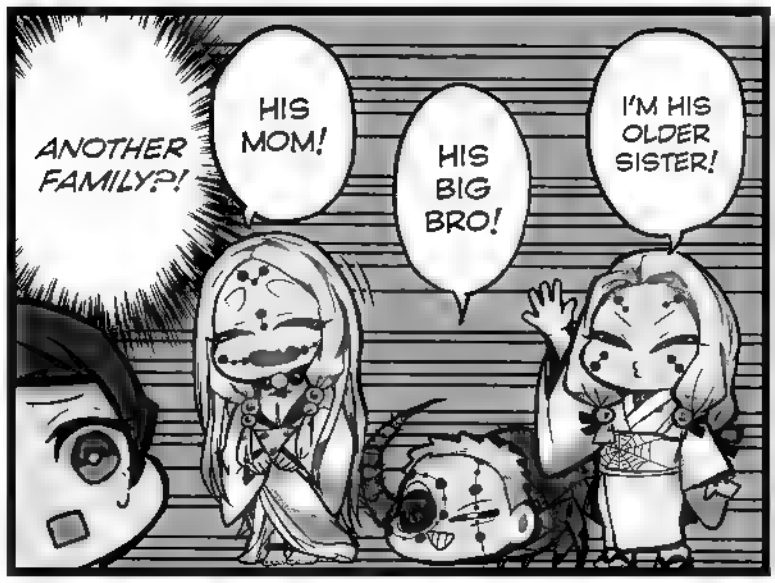
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*BANDAGE TAG: TREATMENT COMPLETE











WE'RE THE...

*HASHIRA

...HASHIRA!!

EPISODE 22

SAKONJI UROKODAKI AND GIYU TOMIOKA SHALL MAKE AMENDS BY DOING THE STOMACH DANCE.

NO... THAT'S WHAT HE SAID, BUT...

DID I MISHEAR?

STOMACH DANCE?

LOOK! GIYU'S TOTALLY FREAKING!

?!

?!

TOMIOKA, YOU MAY CLOSE YOUR JACKET.

FWUP

AHH... WHAT A GOLDEN VOICE!

I MIS-READ MY LINE.

SORRY! I/F NOISE

EPISODE 23

TA DUMMM

BWAH HA!

YOU'RE NOT READY FOR THAT YET. FOR NOW, DEFEAT ONE OF THE TWELVE KIZUKI.

KOCHO, YOU'RE DISMISSED!

I...I DIDN'T LAUGH! *THAT WASN'T A LAUGH!!*

NOW I MUST SPANK YOU!!

TRMBL

TRMBL

TRMBL

NOW I'M ON THE SPOT?!

DRAW A LIKENESS OF KIBUTSUJI'S CURRENT APPEAR-ANCE.

Y-YES, SIR!

TA-DUMM

BWA HA

YOU'RE ALL DISMISSED!

HE LOOKED LIKE THIS!

EPISODE 24

AAAH

UM, ARE YOU ANGRY?

SWIP

YES, OF COURSE!

SWIP

THOUGHT SO...

HOW WILL WE RECOGNIZE YOU NOW?!

HUH?! M-MURATA?! YOUR SILKY HAIR'S GONE!

SHINY

SMOOTH

HI...

UM, BY MY SHINY DOME?

GWOOO

YIIKES

I WAS INVITED TO THE HASHIRA MEETING, AND IT WAS HELLISH!

STRESS DID THAT?! POOR YOU.

YOU STILL HAVEN'T RECOVERED ?!

I USED MY OWN HAIR.

IF YOU WANT, YOU CAN WEAR THIS.

THERE'S NO CURE FOR BALDNESS!

HUH? MEDICINE TO FIX SPIDER-IZATION?

GROW IT YOUR-SELF!

EPISODE 25

LET'S CUT 'EM UP!

THE TWO OF US!

YOU'LL BE FINE, BIG BRO.

HUH?

I BELIEVE IN YOU.

SO I WANT YOUR PERMISSION...

...TO MARRY ZENITSU.

HEE HEE HEE...

TEM...

...PURA...

TEMPURA!

*TRAIN: INFINITY

DEMON SLAYER
COMING-OF-AGE
FINAL EPISODE
ARC

EVEN DEMONS CAN DO IT!!
BAD COMPANY QUIZ

ANSWER ALONG WITH US!!

Q. Does your boss psychologically torture you and engage in acts of power harass—

GYAAAH! WHAT A BAD COMPANY!

KRUNCH

HELLLP!

GETTING PAID IN THE BOSS'S BLOOD IS MESSED UP!

TELL THE LABOR OFFICE!*

*LABOR STANDARDS INSPECTION OFFICE

RECEPTION IS CLOSED
8:30-17:15

KIMETSU BETWEEN THE SCENES! (THE END)

BIG BRO RENGOKU !!
BIG BRO!!



AFTERWORD

I am deeply grateful to Gotouge Sensei for taking time out of a busy schedule to check my rough layouts and even make corrections. Working on these stories has made me love *Demon Slayer* even more! So I'd like to use this occasion to say thank you to Gotouge Sensei, everyone involved in production of this graphic novel, and all the readers. Thank you very much!

Ryoji Hirano



GOOD WORK! THIS IS GOTOUGE!

I was very happy to have Hirano Sensei create these stories. When I had the chance to meet him at a New Year's party, I had no idea fate would bring us together like this. Many things showed me how closely he read *Demon Slayer*, so I was hap-hap-happy! I wish Hirano Sensei, everyone in his family, and the entire staff the best of health!

